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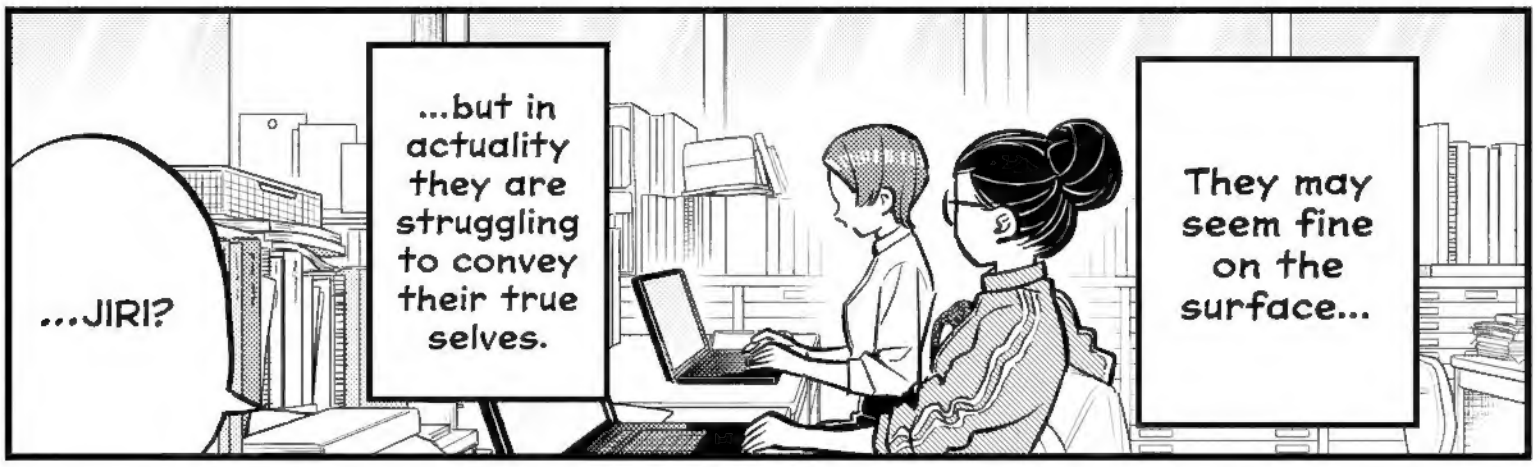
...or exhibit other behaviors that make it difficult for them to express themselves.
STAFF
...talk too fast...
...often remain silent ...
Those with such conditions...



Communication 158: Teacher

TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
Assistant teacher, Class 2-1, Itan High School.
Miwa Omojiri.
2-1
She teaches civics.
This is her first year teaching.
Her demeanor is...
TIK TOK
12
1
2
3
10
11
9
BONG
...punc-tilious.
BING
BING
TIK
LET US BEGIN CLASS.

PASS IN YOUR HOME-WORK.

UM, I FORGOT MINE.

I DID IT, THOUGH! REALLY!

BUT I LEFT IT AT HOME! HEH HEH...

NAJIMI'S TOTALLY LYING.

PRO

SIT DOWN.

YOU'RE DISRUPTING CLASS.

PER

OH, REALLY?

SHARP

UM, ARE YOU ANGRY?

NO.

BUT SIT DOWN.

SHE'S SCARY...

In the Staff Room

NEAT

BEEP VRRR

UM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COPY THAT FOR ME!

YEAH...

MS. OMOJIRI'S DESK IS ALWAYS SO NEAT.

Proceeding Punctually

Two minutes left in class

IN OTHER WORDS, DEMOC-RACY IS...

SHE'S SO COUR-TEOUS!

I'M NEW, SO I CAN DO A LITTLE EXTRA.

DUTIFUL

But she's still only here.

...

She wants to get to here.

Class 2-1 assistant teacher

Class 2-1 main teacher

Mine-Sweeper

AW, NO WAY! A BOMB ?!

BO BIN BING BONG

WAIT! NOT SO FAST!

PUNCTUAL

THE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF ELECTIONS IN MODERN JAPAN ENSURE THAT EVERY CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE, EVERY VOTER MUST CAST HIS OR HER OWN VOTE, EACH VOTER'S BALLOT IS SECRET, AND THE ONLY RESTRICTION ON ELIGIBILITY AMONG CITIZENS IS THAT THEY BE 20 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. THIS IS THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE AS OPPOSED TO A LIMITED ELECTION IN WHICH ONLY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MAY VOTE, SUCH AS THE WEALTHY. OKAY, CLASS IS OVER.

CLANK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK

KACHAK
RATTLE
CLINK
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
KAFLOMMMP
UGG
GGG
GHH
HHH
HH!!

MY THIGHS ARE SORE, MY BACK HURTS, MY EYES ARE TWITCHING... I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP!!

I'M S-SO TIRED!

UGGGHHHHHHHH

Omojiri is lethargic.

UGH... WHAT A PAIN!

I can't do it!

...PAY THE ELEC-TRICITY BILL! ARGH!

BUT I NEED TO REMOVE MY MAKEUP, TAKE A BATH, PUT ON PAJAMAS AND...

...FOR THE STUDENTS' SAKE.

I MUST BE METICU-LOUS...

The floor feels so good...

AND I STILL NEED TO...

... PREPARE FOR TOMORROW'S CLASS.

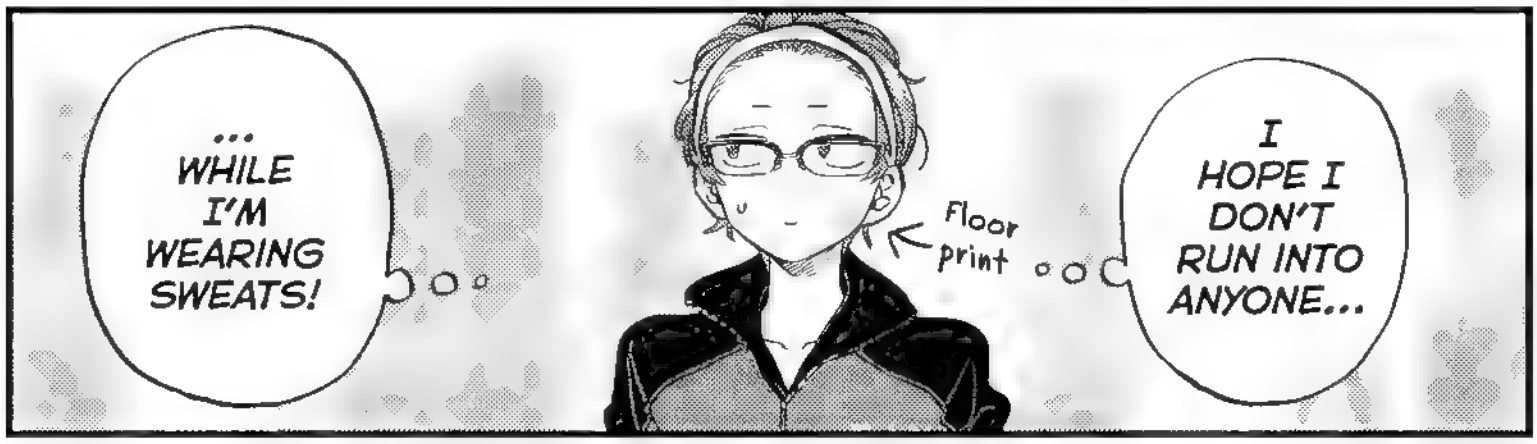
ZZz

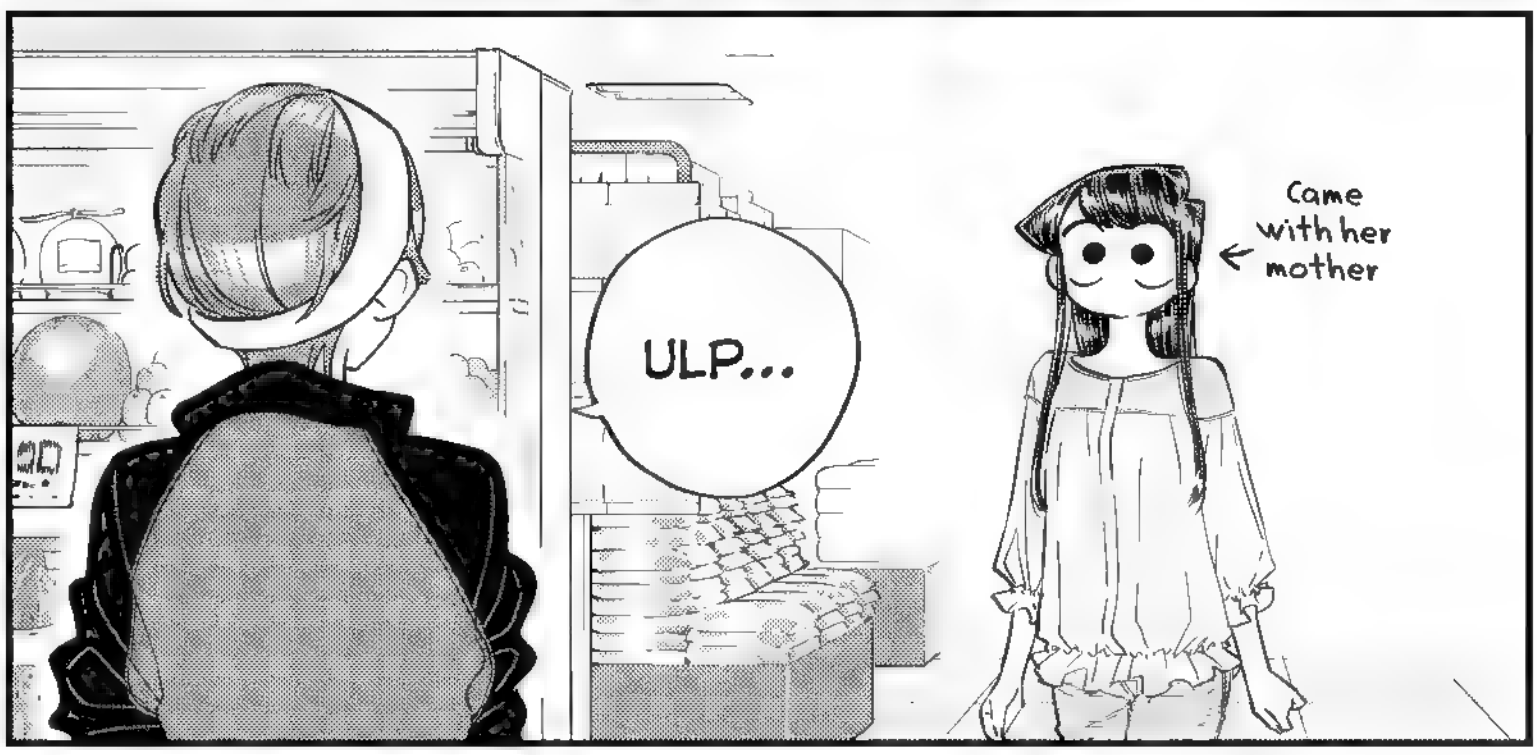
GASP!
HUH?
I'M LATE!
13:32
June 25 Sunday
FWIK

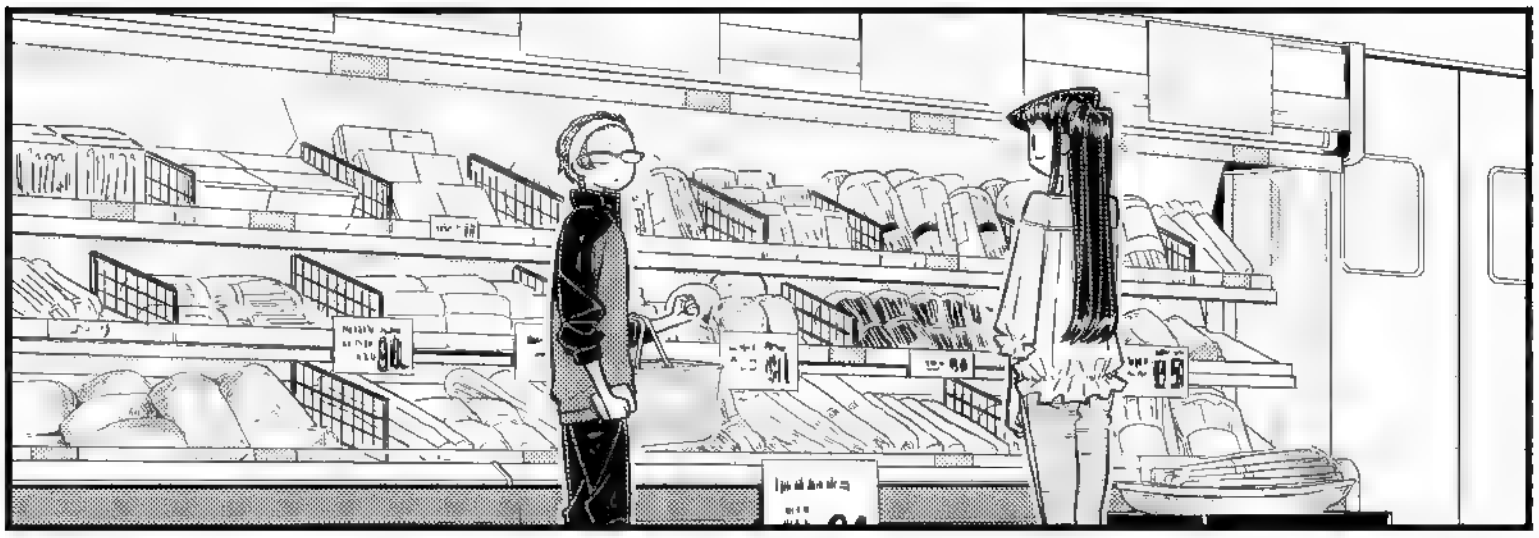
IT'S SUNDAY!! IT'S OKAY!!
13:32
June 25 Sunday
NO, WAIT!

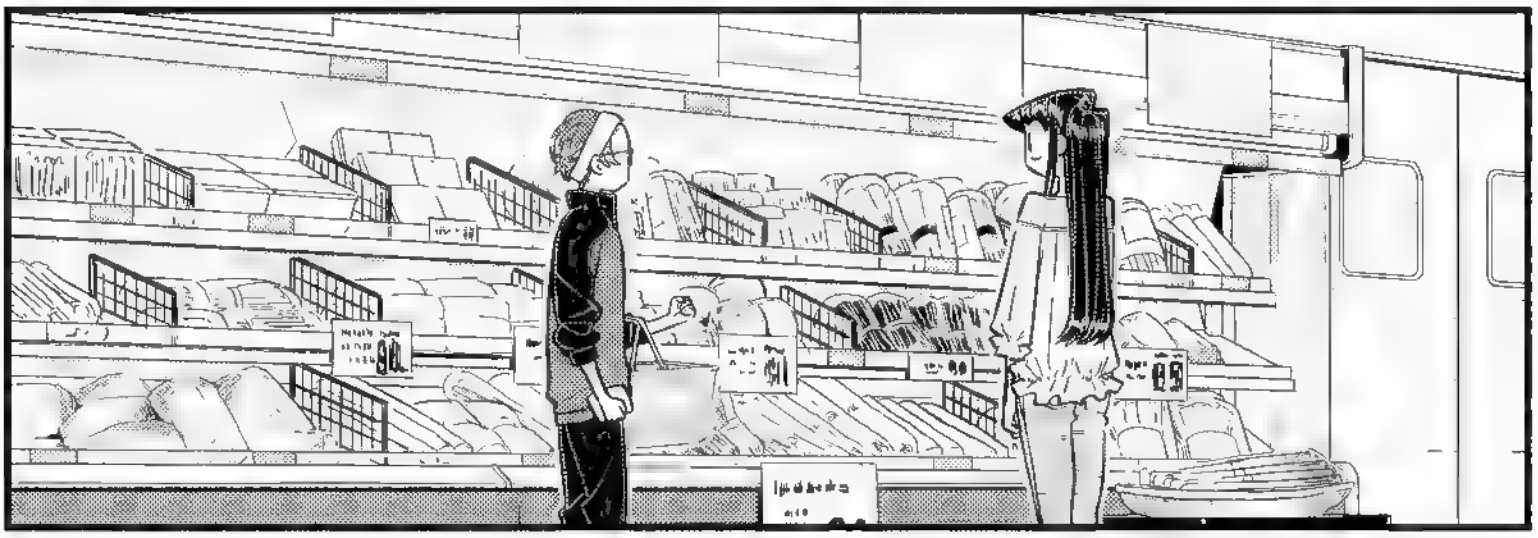
Immobilized first by relief, then the realization that she lost three-fourths of her weekend
BUT... WHERE DID SATURDAY GO?

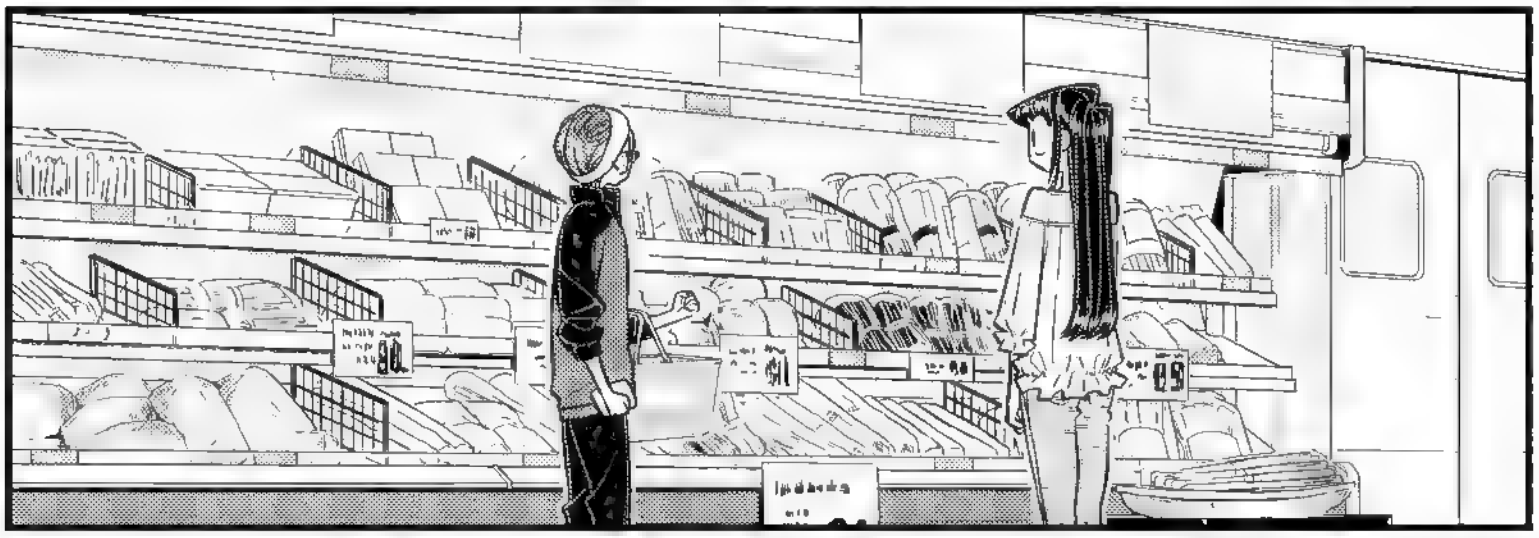
InuiMart
I SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE A DECENT MEAL!

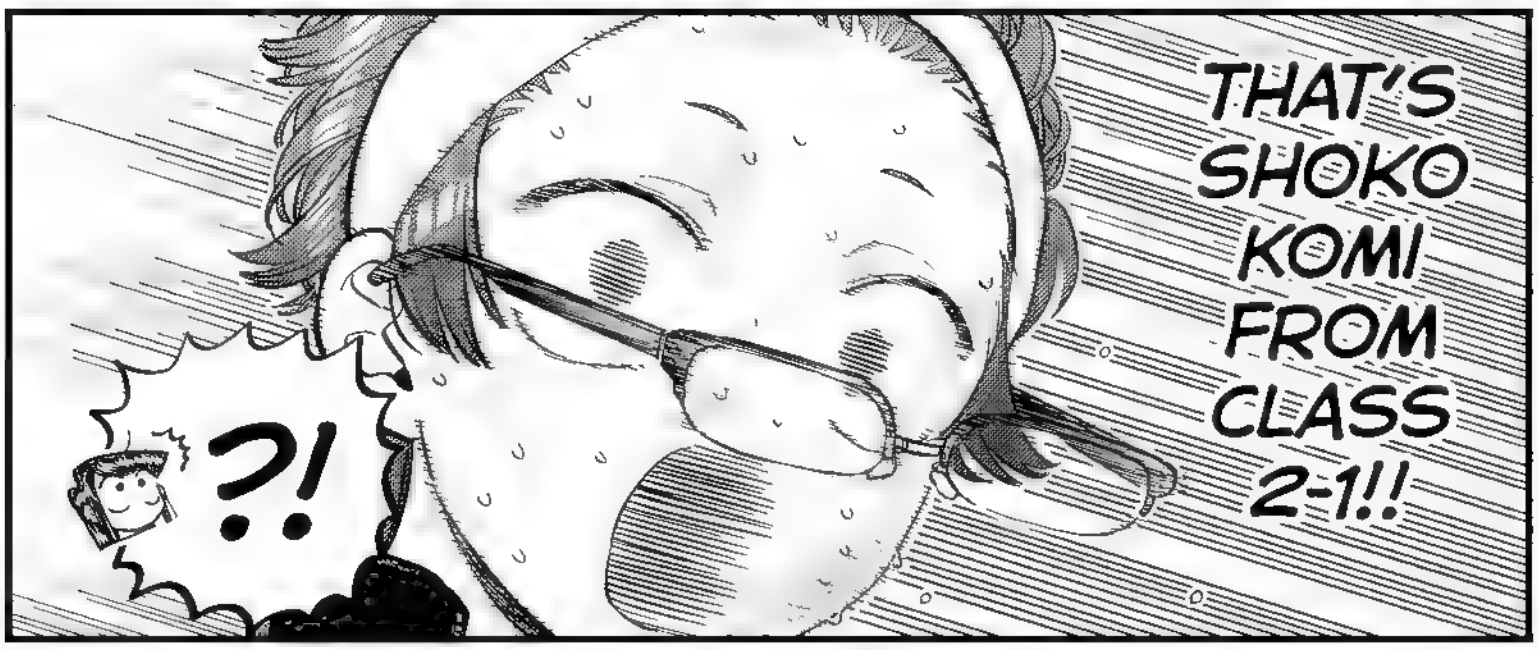

... WHILE I'M WEARING SWEATS!
Floor print
I HOPE I DON'T RUN INTO ANYONE...


ULP...
Came with her mother








?!
THAT'S SHOKO KOMI FROM CLASS 2-1!!

BUT THERE ARE RUMORS!
SHE'S A SERIOUS STUDENT WHO ALWAYS PAYS ATTENTION IN CLASS!
Y-YIKES! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
...MY LIFE AS A TEACHER WILL BE OVER!!!
IF SHE CALLS ME OUT...
BAD TEACHER!
I HEARD SHE'S A GANG LEADER WHO RUNS THE SCHOOL FROM BEHIND THE SCENES!
SHE EVEN ROUGHED UP FOUR FIRST-YEAR THUGS RECENTLY!
SHE'S AN INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUAL, SO...
...SO I DON'T THINK SHE'LL RECOGNIZE ME.
BUT I'M DRESSED DIFFER-ENTLY...
SHE RECOG-NIZED ME!
She's staring!!
SHOULD I SAY HELLO?
BUT IF IT ISN'T HER...
STAAAARE
IS THAT MS. OMOJIRI?
OR JUST A LOOK-ALIKE?

?!
N...
GAH!
...
UH...
...I'M JUST...
NO, UM...

?!
...MY APARTMENT CAUGHT ON FIRE...
?!
...AND ALL MY CLOTHES BURNED UP!

STAAAAARE

WHAT AN INTENSE STARE!

Doesn't know what to say

THE TRUTH IS, I'M LAZY! I NEVER USED TO HELP MY MOTHER WITH THE HOUSE-WORK!!

Miwa! Did you drink from the carton again?!

Omo-jiri in jr. high

Oh, who cares!!

SHE MUST'VE SEEN THROUGH MY LIE!

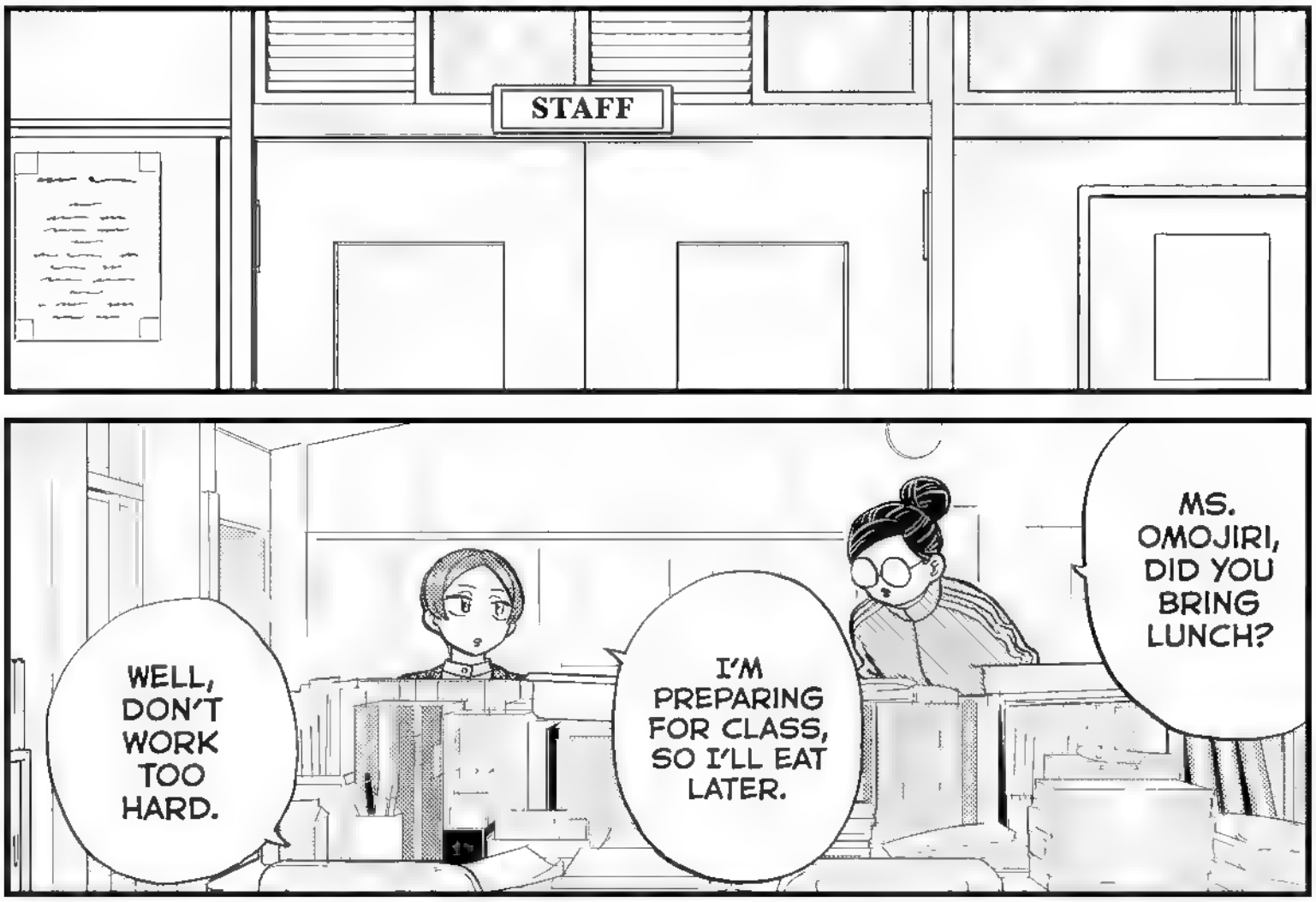
!!

...GOOD-BYE!!

FWOOOSH

UM...

Fled the supermarket and hit a convenience store for instant yakisoba


STAFF
MS. OMOJIRI, DID YOU BRING LUNCH?
I'M PREPARING FOR CLASS, SO I'LL EAT LATER.
WELL, DON'T WORK TOO HARD.
I NEED TO GRASP THE MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON...
...AND MAKE 38 COPIES OF THE HANDOUT, PLUS A FEW EXTRAS.
OR MAYBE 40? NO, 38.
THERE'S NO TIME TO SOCIALIZE WITH THE STUDENTS ...
...OR BUY LUNCH AT A CONVENIENCE STORE.
OH WELL.

FOMP

!

HERE.

FOOT FOOT

GASP!

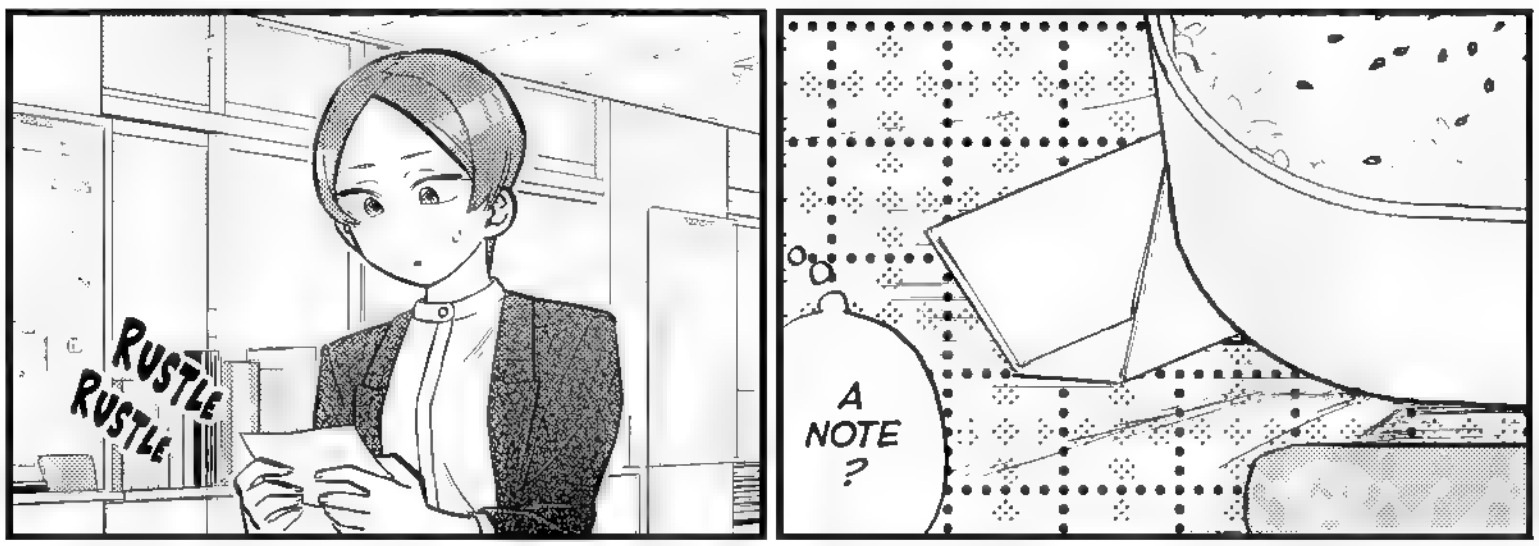
FOR *ME?*

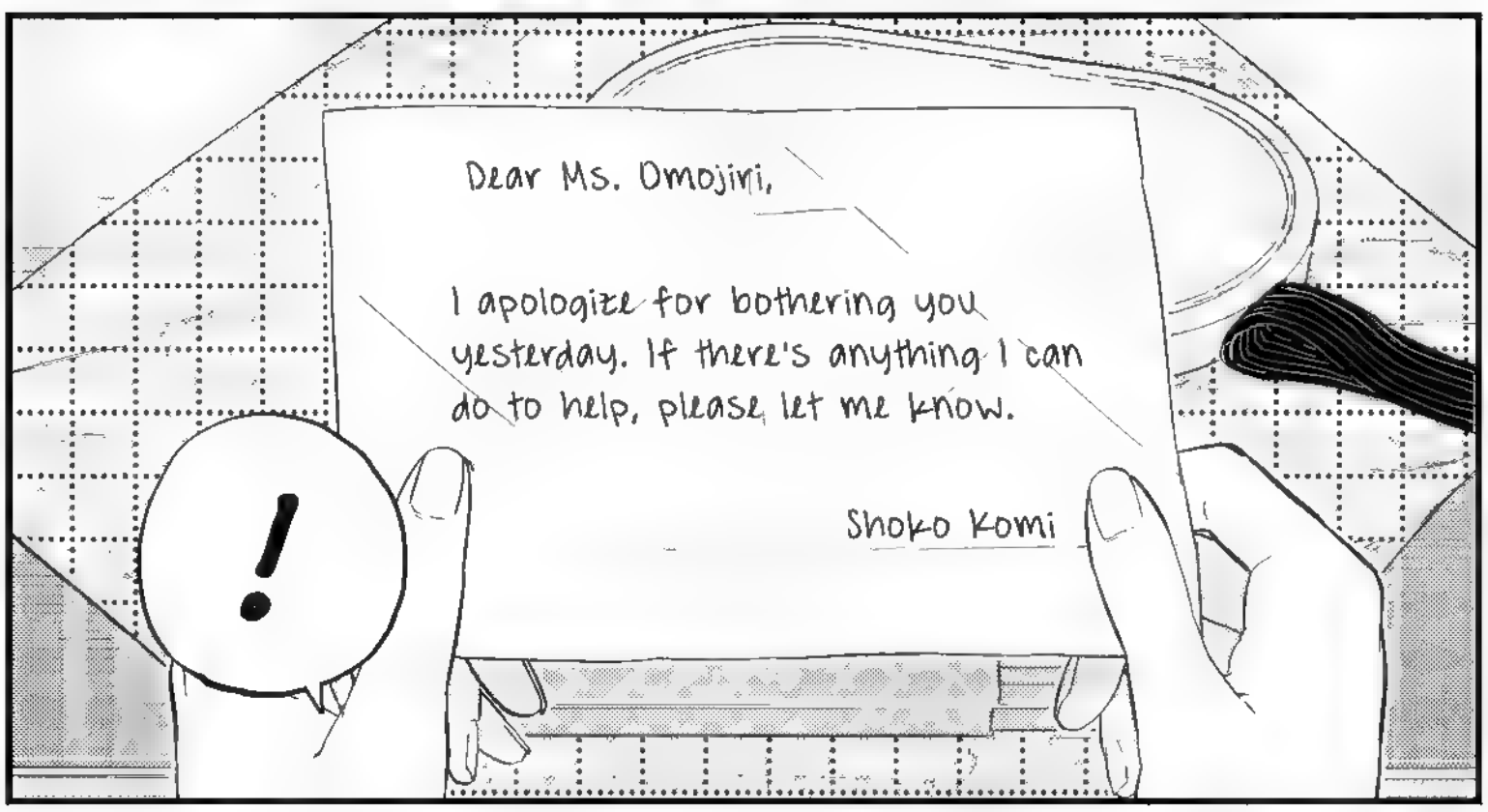
KOMI WAS WANDERING AROUND IN THE HALL. APPARENTLY, SHE BROUGHT THIS FOR YOU.

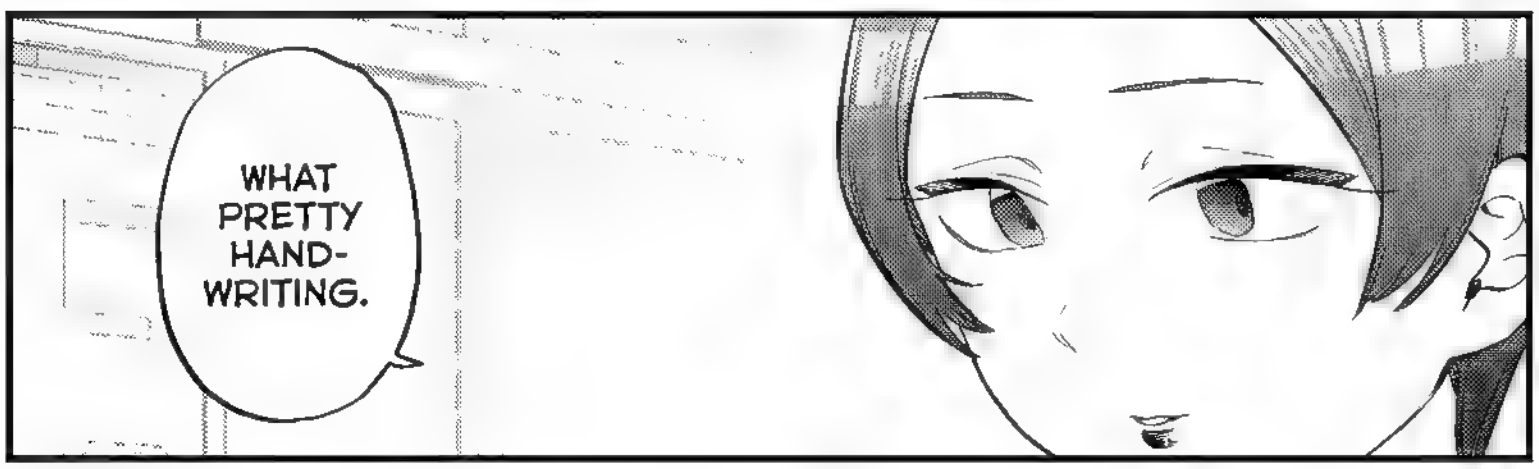
HUH?

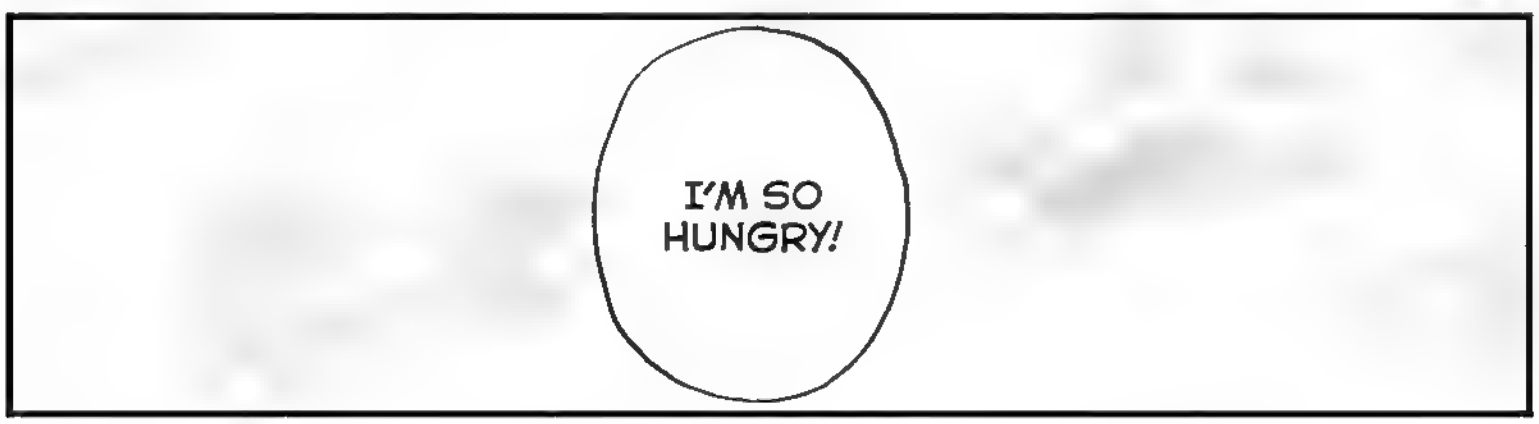
WHAT'S THIS?

!!


RUSTLE RUSTLE
A NOTE ?


Dear Ms. Omojiri,
I apologize for bothering you yesterday. If there's anything I can do to help, please let me know.
Shoko Komi
!


WHAT PRETTY HAND-WRITING.


I'M SO HUNGRY!

I HEARD ABOUT THE FIRE.

Komi said it sounded bad.

Gack !!

Well, um... uh...

TIK TOK

12 1 2 11 10

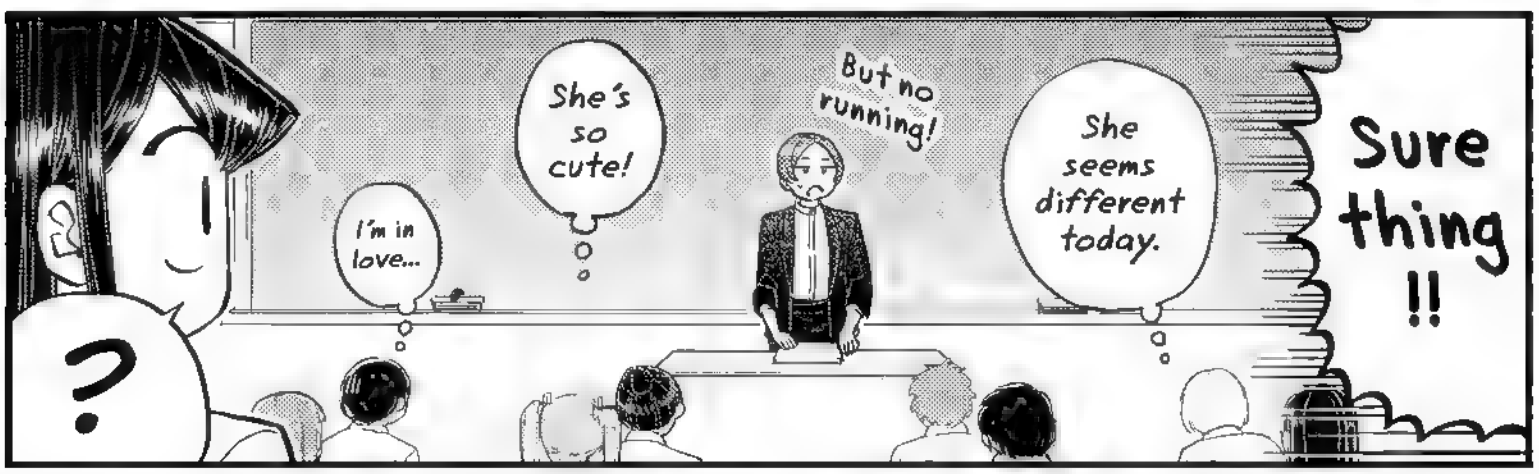
BING BONG

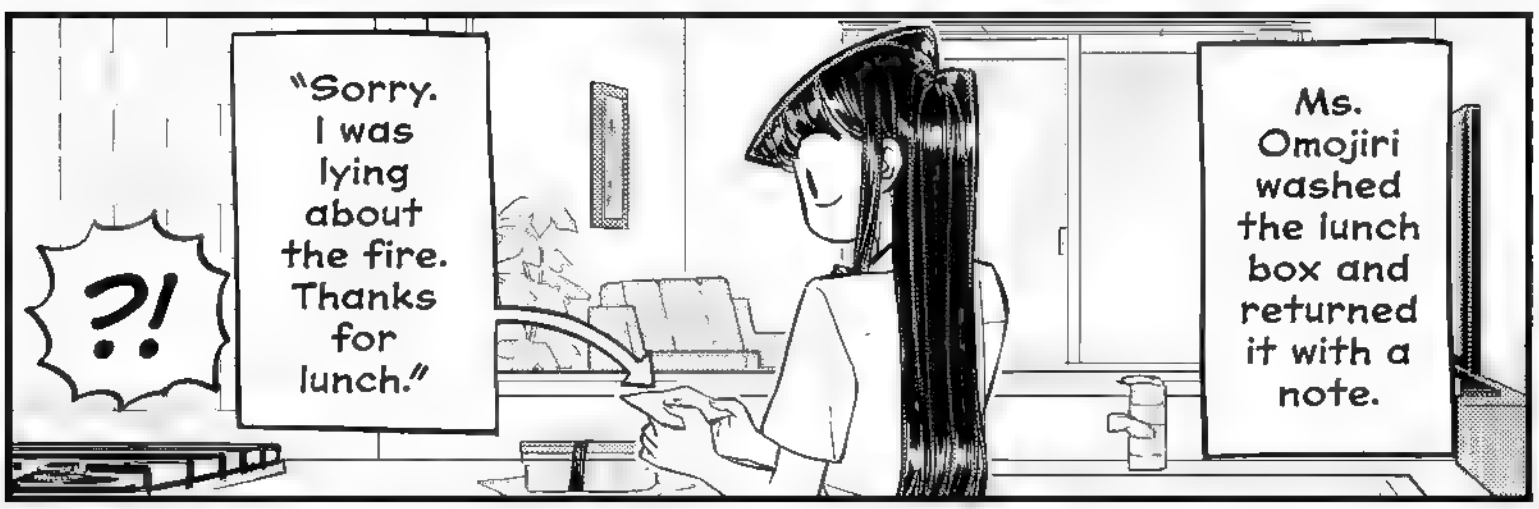
PUNCTUAL

LET US BEGIN CLASS.

WE'LL BEGIN BY REVIEWING—

UM, MS. MIWA?





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Yeah, I bet it was rude...
What if she already had lunch?
Did it taste bad?
Was it rude to give her lunch?

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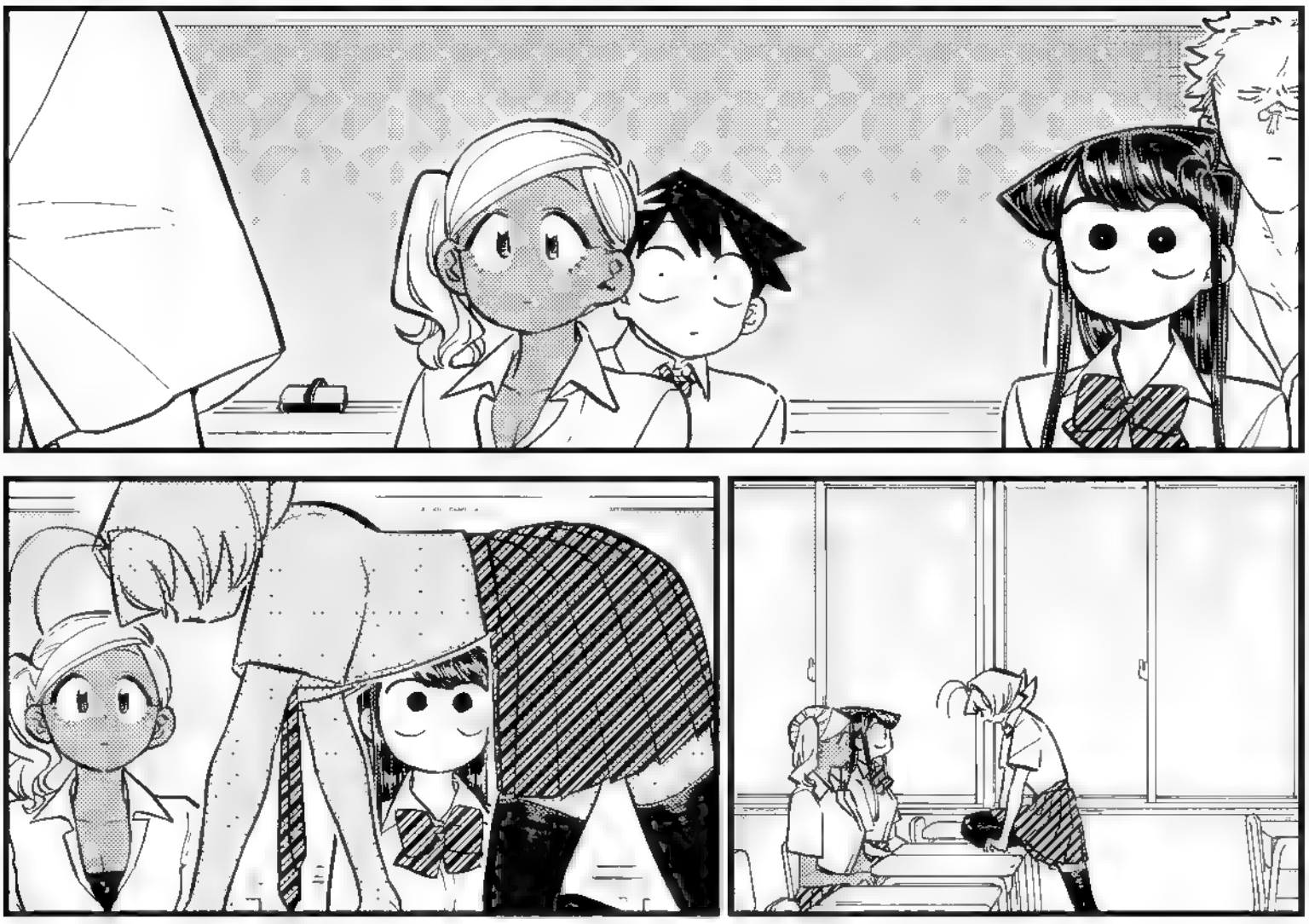
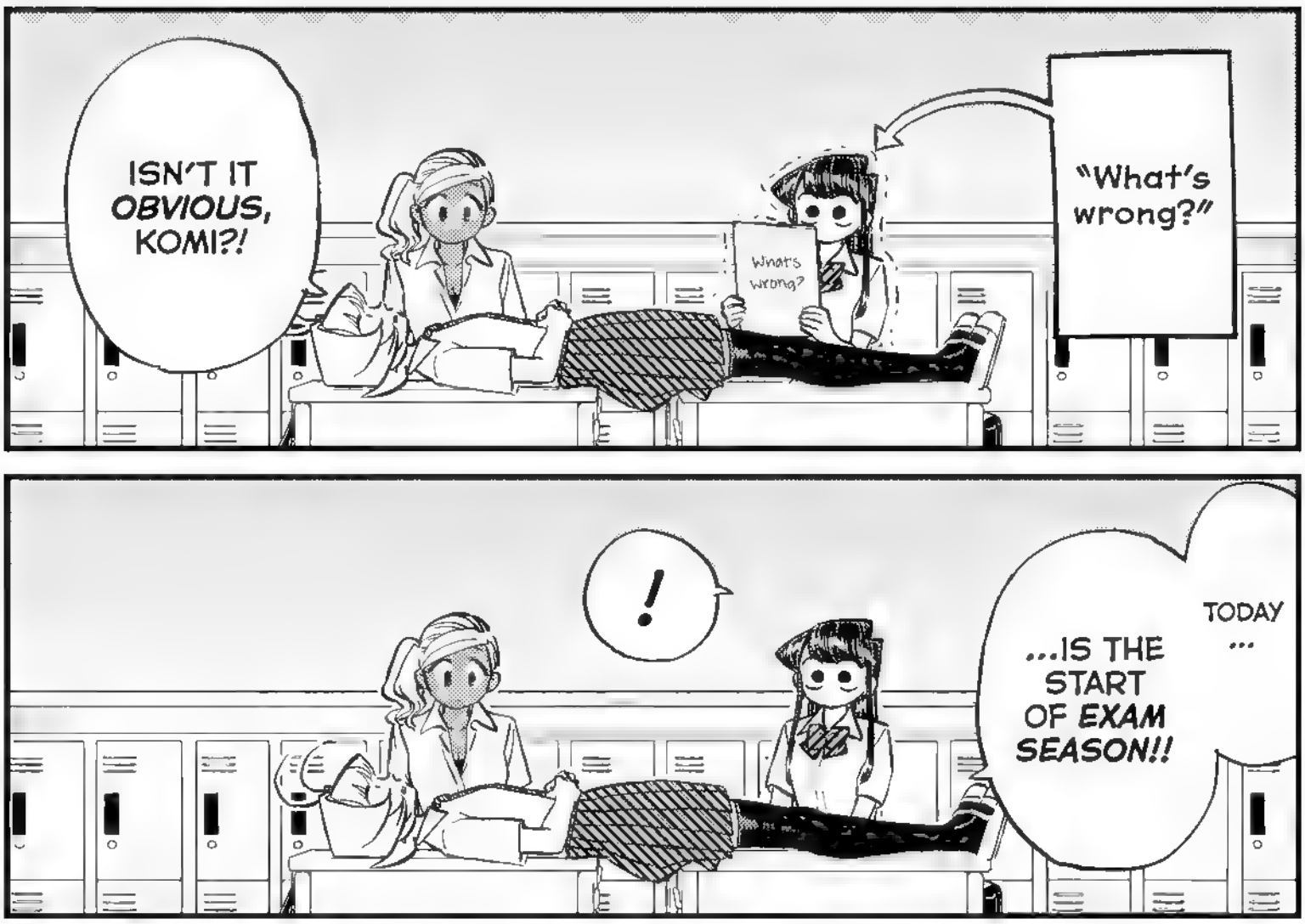
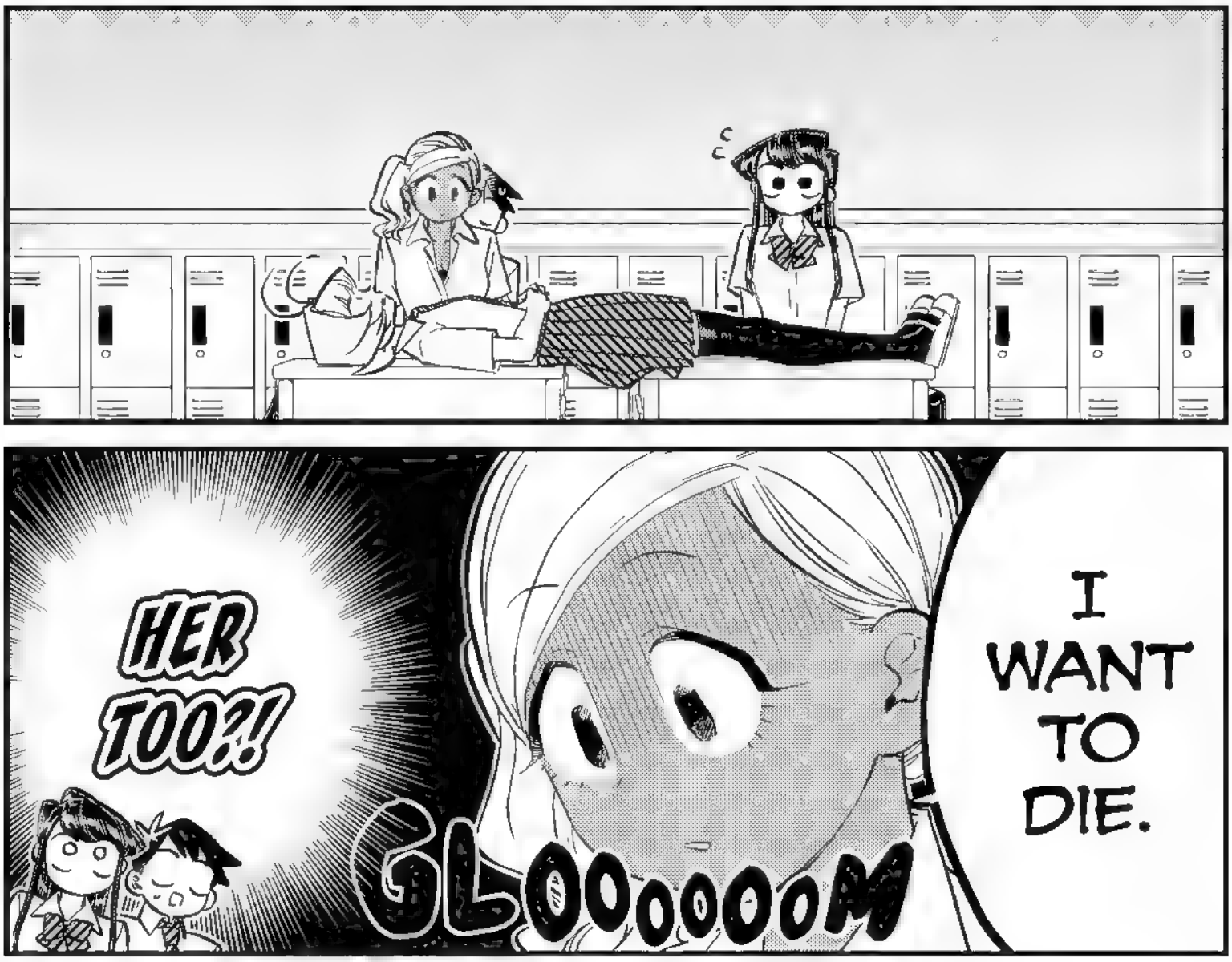



ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, KOMI?!
"What's wrong?"
What's wrong?
!
...IS THE START OF EXAM SEASON!!
TODAY ...


HER TOO?!
GLOOOOOOM
I WANT TO DIE.

Communication 159: Quiet While Studying in the Library, Round 4

SAY WHAT?!

TADAAAH

It's time for Quiet While Studying in the Library, round 4!

HE'S USED TO THIS?!

Here come the other contenders !!

I'M CONFIDENT I CAN STUDY WITHOUT BOTHERING ANYONE.

Tadano! How do you feel?!

It's that time again!!

WHAT THE HECK?!

Oh, right...

Komi glared at him (with her usual intensity) and he fell off his chair in an incident that has gone down in QWSitL* history!

Katai has been strug-gling since round 2!

* QWSITL = QUIET WHILE STUDYING IN THE LIBRARY

He didn't talk loudly, but his very existence was so loud that it resulted in three successive thwacks!

HEH!

Naruse joined for our third round!

*I'll do my best.

He's a top contender today!

He talked a lot, but his speech balloons looked like internal monologue so Gorimi overlooked it!

*Stop it already!

*Are you stupid?

*Seriously?

Kometani was our champion last time!

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?!

HOLD ON A SECOND!

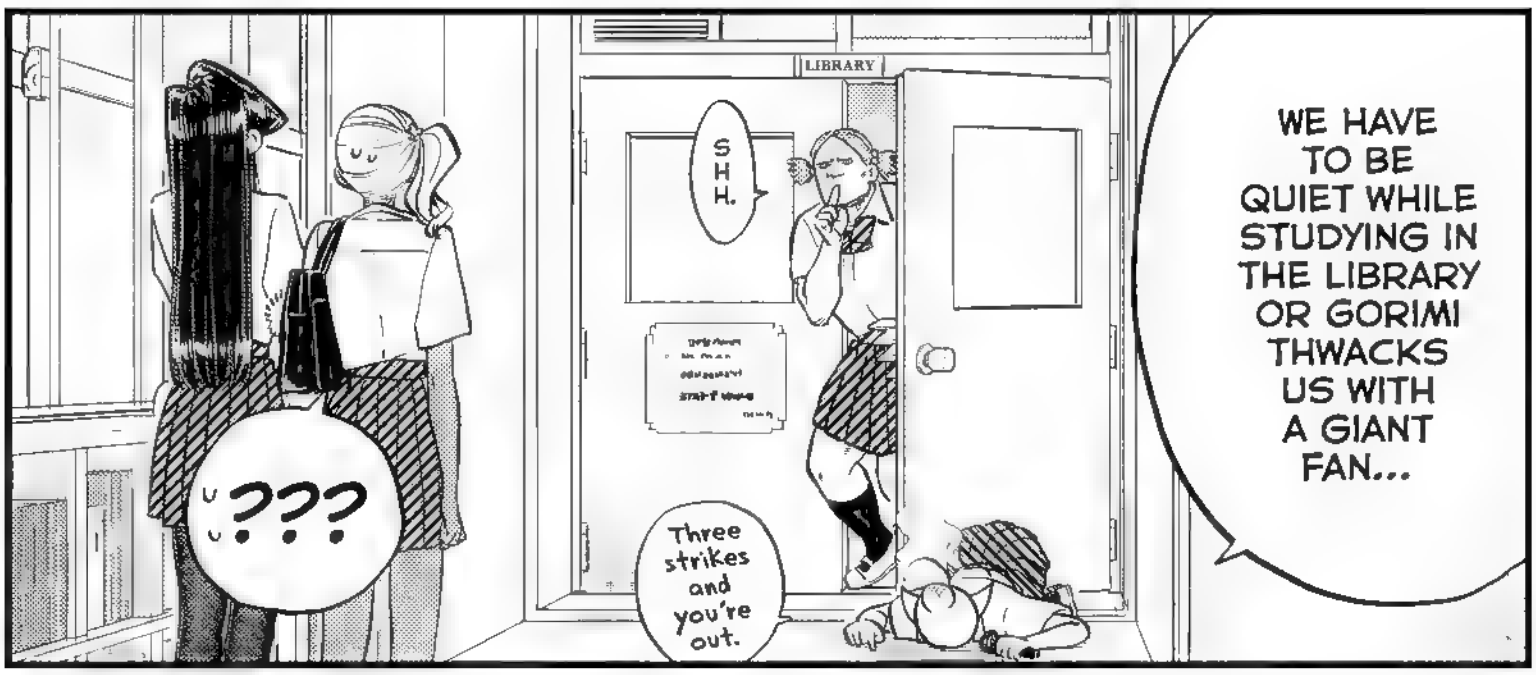
KACHAK

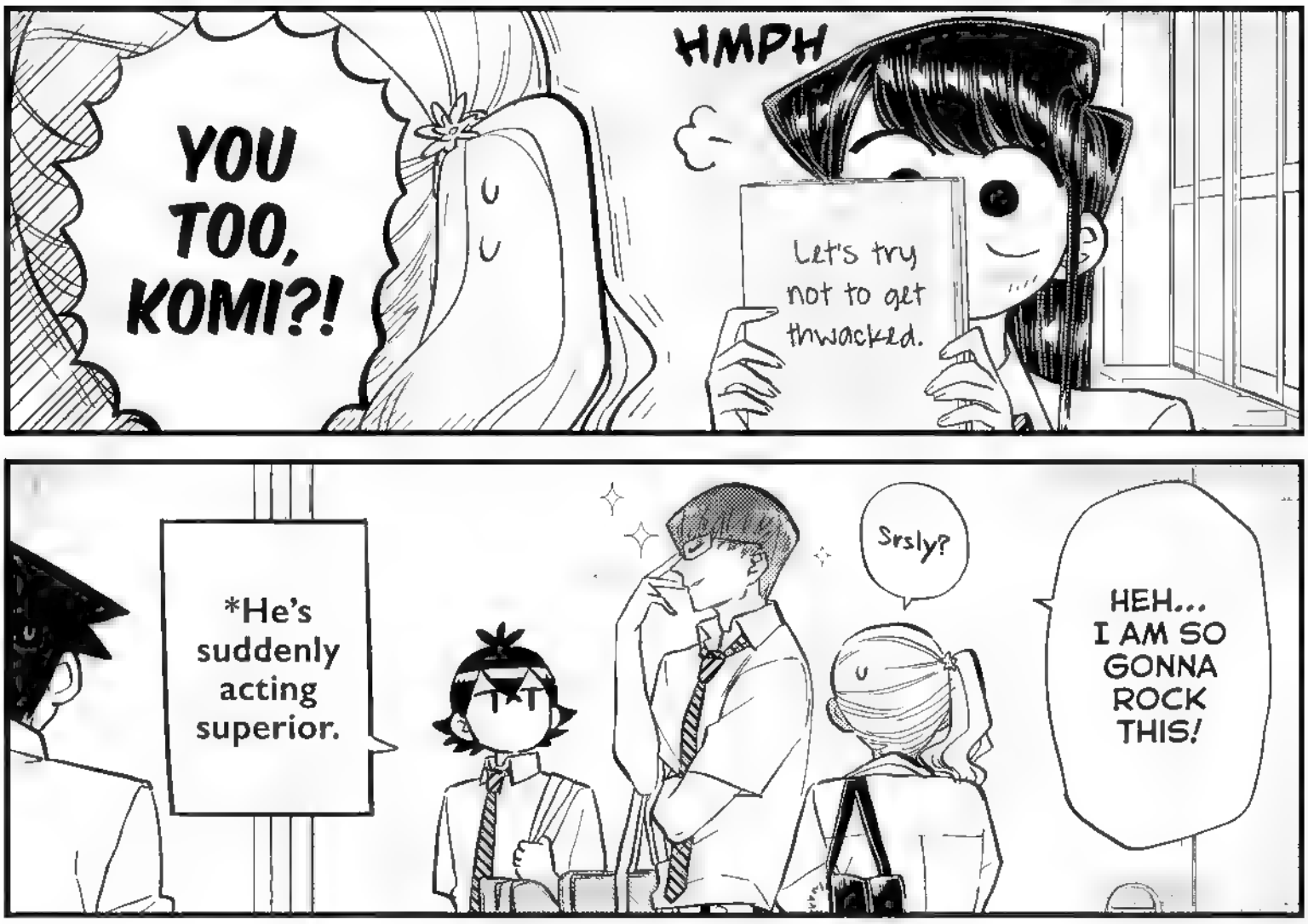
And now the challenger you've been waiting for! Rumiko—

Oof!

?!!

THWACK


LIBRARY
SHH.
???
Three strikes and you're out.
WE HAVE TO BE QUIET WHILE STUDYING IN THE LIBRARY OR GORIMI THWACKS US WITH A GIANT FAN...
THAT'S WHAT I DON'T UNDER-STAND!!
AND GET THWACKED IF WE'RE LOUD.
NAJIMI MAKES A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT, BUT BASICALLY WE JUST STUDY.


YOU TOO, KOMI?!
HMPH
Let's try not to get thwacked.
*He's suddenly acting superior.
Srsly?
HEH... I AM SO GONNA ROCK THIS!

GET SET... STUDY!

Already?

LOOK OVER THERE!!

NGAH!!

KLATTER

If anyone makes a sound above 60 decibels (normal conversation volume) the corps are trained to...

...Gorimi established this force to preserve peace and order!

As the library officer ...

it's the Library Fan Corps!

They've mobilized!

Najimi— two strikes

But I'm just explaining the—

THWACK

62dB

... thwack them with—

HMMM...

KOMI, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SOLVE THIS?

!

OH, I GET IT! THAT'S—

ULP...

60dB

SKRK SKRK SKRK

65dB

No! You shoulda thwacked her!!

Leniency is allowed when it comes to conversations about studying.

NOD

SAFE

...

Najimi—three strikes, out

That's Najimi's fastest time yet!

!

T-TADANO, CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS?

...

OH WOW! TADANO'S LEANING SO CLOSE TO ME!!

BABWUMP

WHAT?

THWACK

HE DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH!!

Heart-beat—70 dB (approx. a cicada buzzing)

BABUMP

SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
Naruse just looks noisy.
THAT'S NOT REALLY FAIR...
THWACK

CLOMP
CLOMP
CLOMP

She's taken a liking to him.

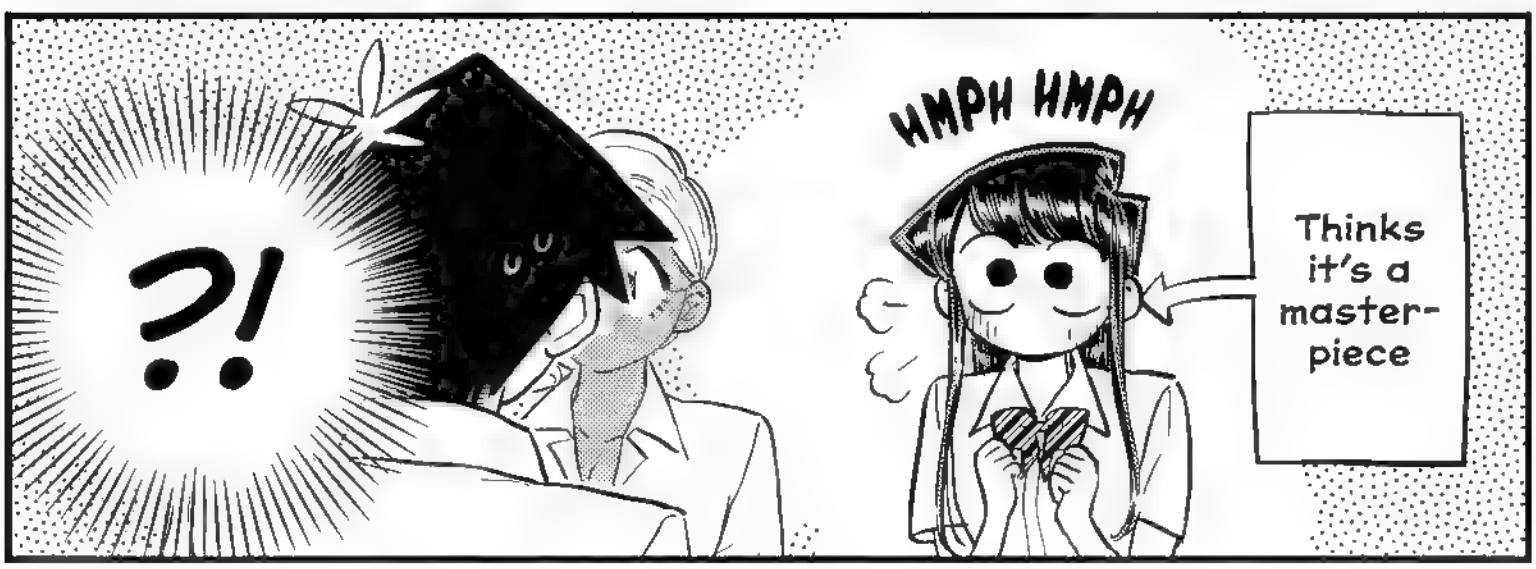
PATPAT

?!

?!

GLANCE
BADMP
BADMP
?
?
SHP

DON'T LAUGH. THIS PUN ISN'T PUNNY.
SHOKO KOMI

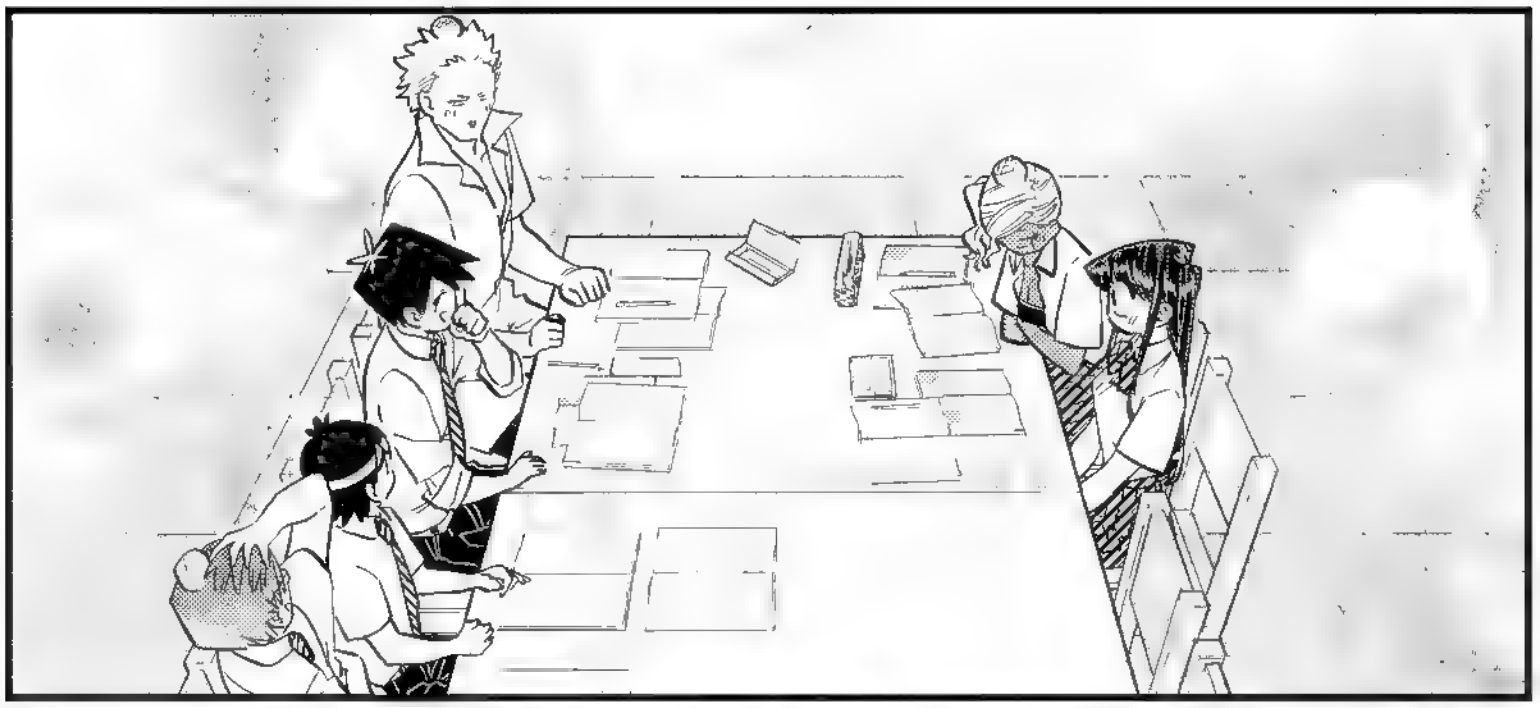

?!
HMPH HMPH
Thinks it's a master-piece

TRA-
LA-
RING-
RINNNG
!!
I FORGOT TO SET IT TO SILENT!
OOPS... S-SORRY!!

SO... WE'RE COOL?
PHEW
OH DEAR OH DEAR
SIGH
?!
THWACK

I HOPE SHE'S ALL RIGHT...
FSHHH
BWA HA...
...

BWAH
THIS IS SO SILLY!
HAH
AND IT'S CRACKING ME UP!



HA HA...
AH HA HA!
70dB

SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
Then they studied in silence.

I GOT 69 POINTS!

!

LOOK! LOOK, KOMI!

After exams

...BUT AT LEAST I PASSED !!

I DIDN'T DO AS GOOD AS YOU...

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

!!

...

...

...

?

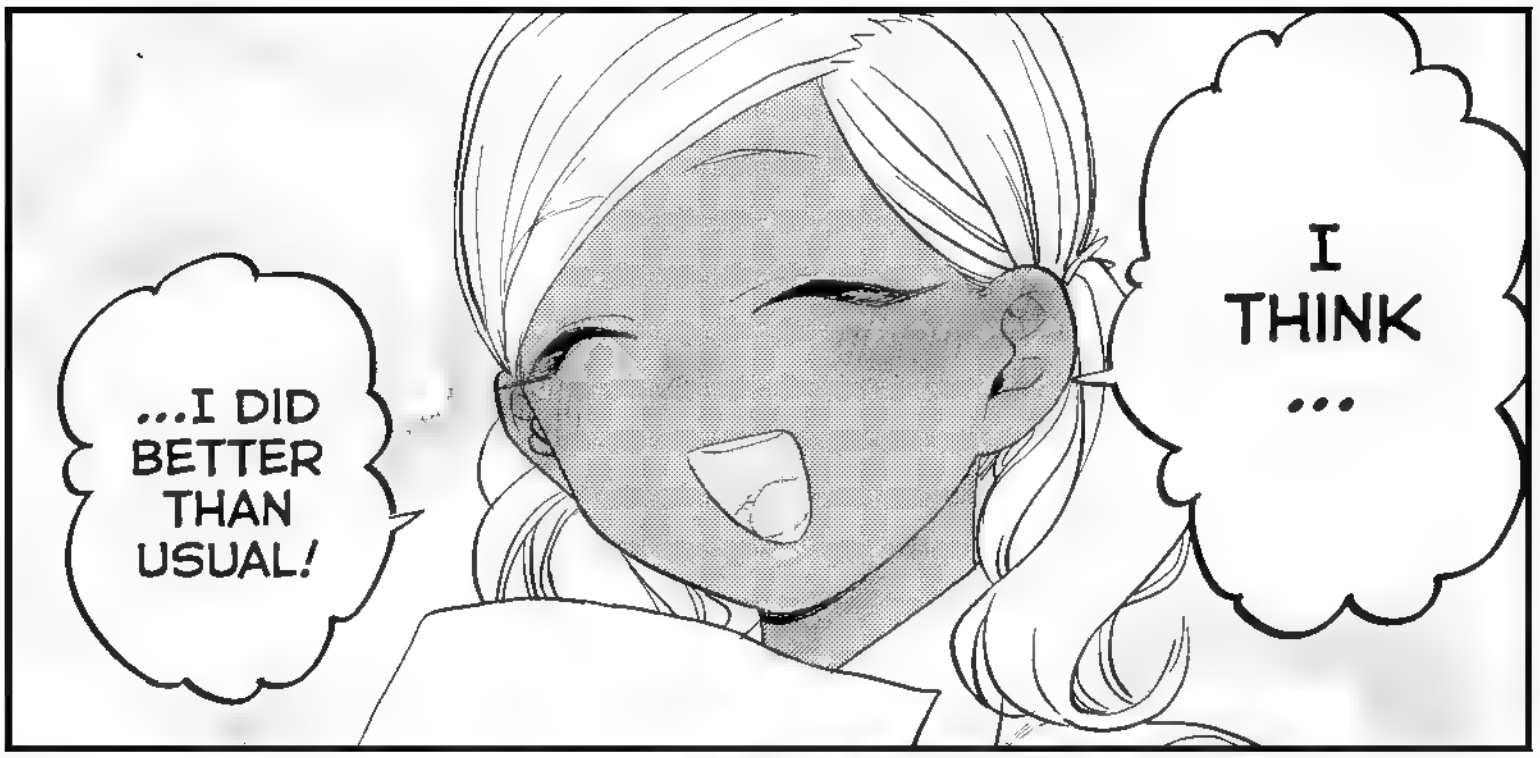
...

95 points

HOW'D YOU DO, KOMI?

My friends always goof around.

I'VE NEVER STUDIED IN A GROUP BEFORE.



NAJIMI GETS KICKED OUT BUT STILL SCORES HIGH ...
75 points (average)
88 points
IS NAJIMI ALREADY PLANNING ROUND 5 OF QUIET WHILE STUDYING IN THE LIBRARY?!

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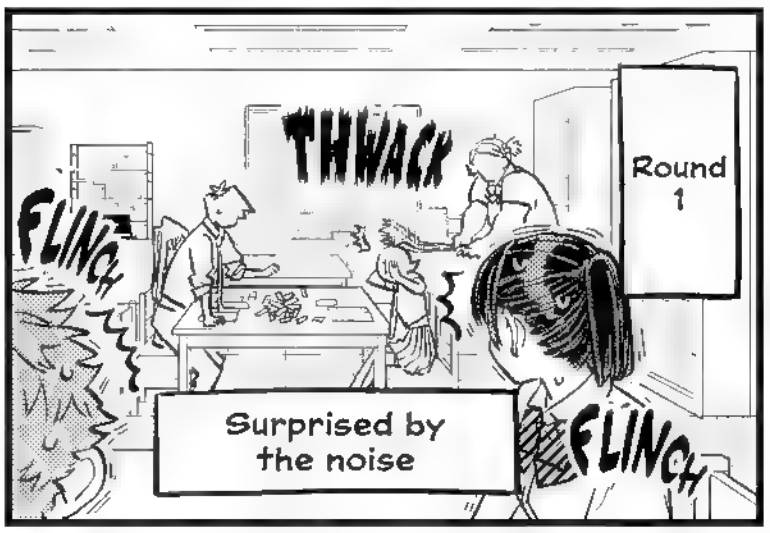
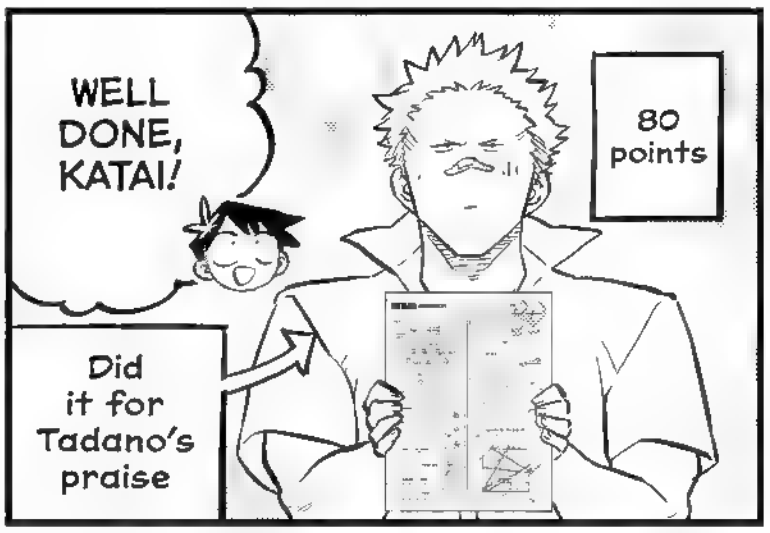
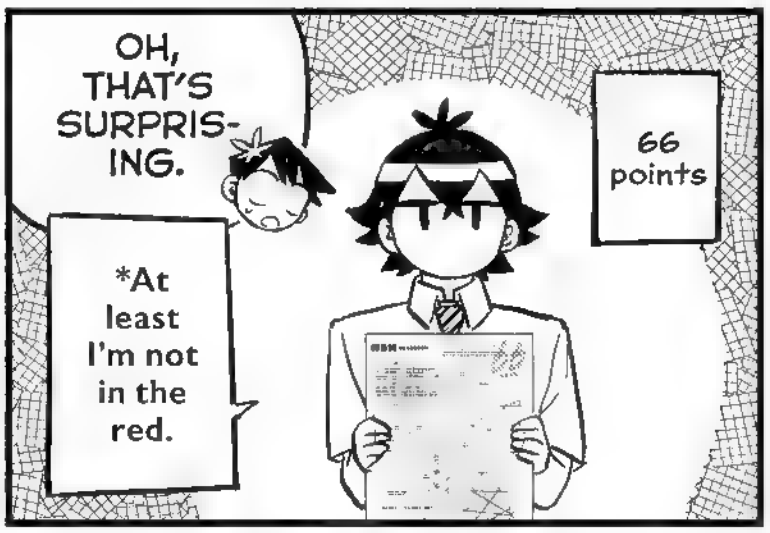
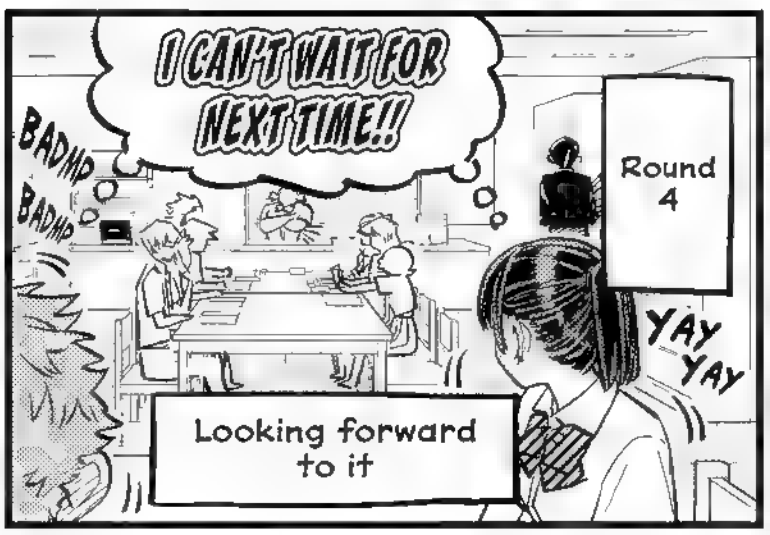
Previous Rounds of Quiet While Studying in the Library

Surprising









24TH TERM EXAM RESULTS!!

Year 2
Out of 150
students

KOMI, SHOKO #3

SHIROKI, YUKA (YUKAPOYO) #4

AGARI, HIMIKO #7

MAEDA, HOSHIO JUKUJOSKY #9

FUWA, MASUKO #11

NARUSE, SHISUTO #13

KATO, MIKUNI #16

BODO, KANAME #22

SEIKIMATSU, TOSHIO #23

YAMAI, REN #36

NAKANAKA, OMOHARU #36

FUKUSUKI, NATSU #40

OSANA, NAJIMI #46

SHINOBINO, MONO #54

SONODA, TAISEI #61

ASE, SHIBUKI #68

SATO AMAMI #70

USHIRODA, EIKO #71

TADANO, HITOHITO #75

ODOKA, SHIZUKA #76

ONIGASHIMA, AKAKO #78

KUROITA,MUTSUMI(MUTAN)#82

ONEMINE, NENE #87

SAMURAI, SAM # 88

FUSHIMA, SAKU #89

MANBAGI, RUMIKO #98

INAKA, NOKOKO #102

YADANO, MAKERU #108

KOMETANI, CHUSHAKU #111

OTAKU, YUJI #114

CHIARAI, SHIGEO #123

KISHI, HIMEKO #125

OTORI, KAEDE #126 (TEST INCOMPLETE)

ISU, SHIORI (GONZALES) #134

OHAI, SHUKI #139

SASAKI, AYAMI #143

TOTOI, SON #144

SUKIDA, LILY #150

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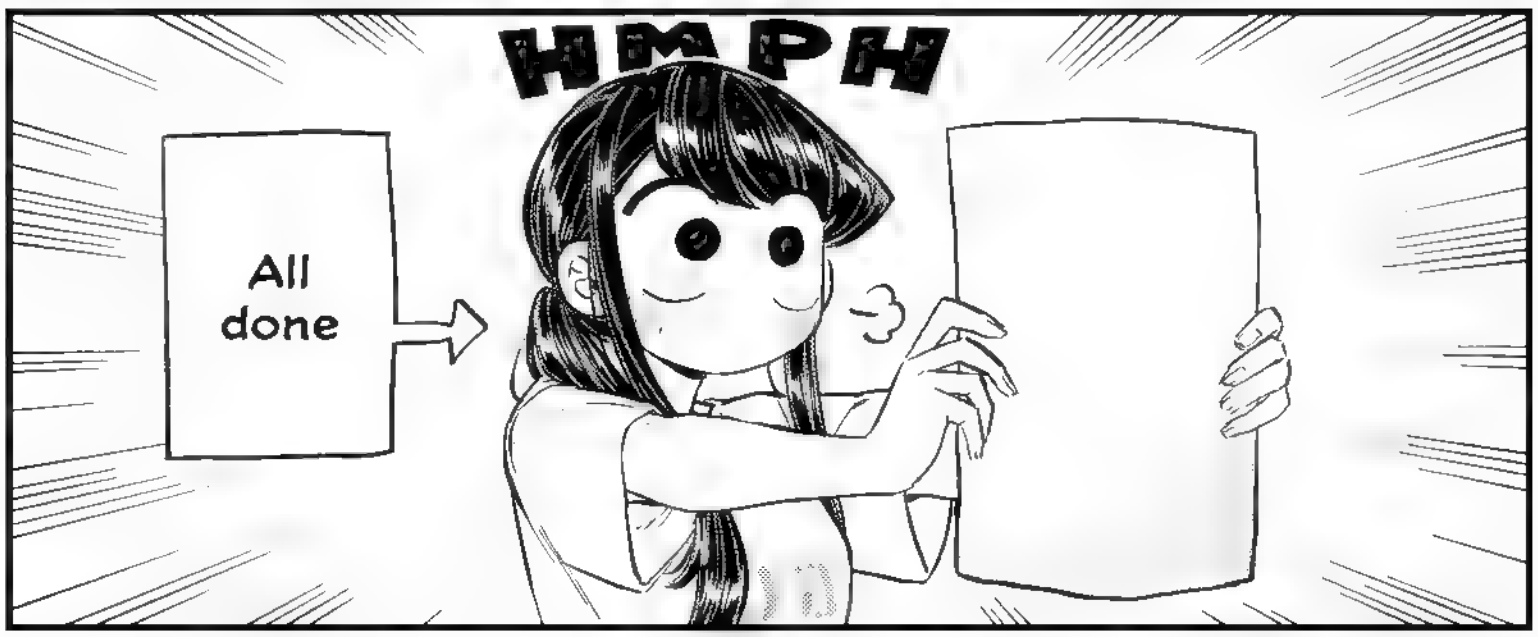
Communication 160: To-Do List

garden
Grow tomatoes
Help around the house
Ride my bicycle
, Go outside as much
Go to 131 Ice Cream
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
...
...

...!!
Eras-
ing
RUB
RUB
...


HMPH
All
done

Gwa

na ra na

The next day

YOU KEEP REPEATING THAT.

But with slightly different delivery.

HUFF

adult survived

Tests are over so now we just wait for summer vacation

Heh hehn neh

HUFF

HUFF

What do you think?

That was my "I survived the battle royale but will die in the next three seconds" style!

...

Yeah, that was good too!

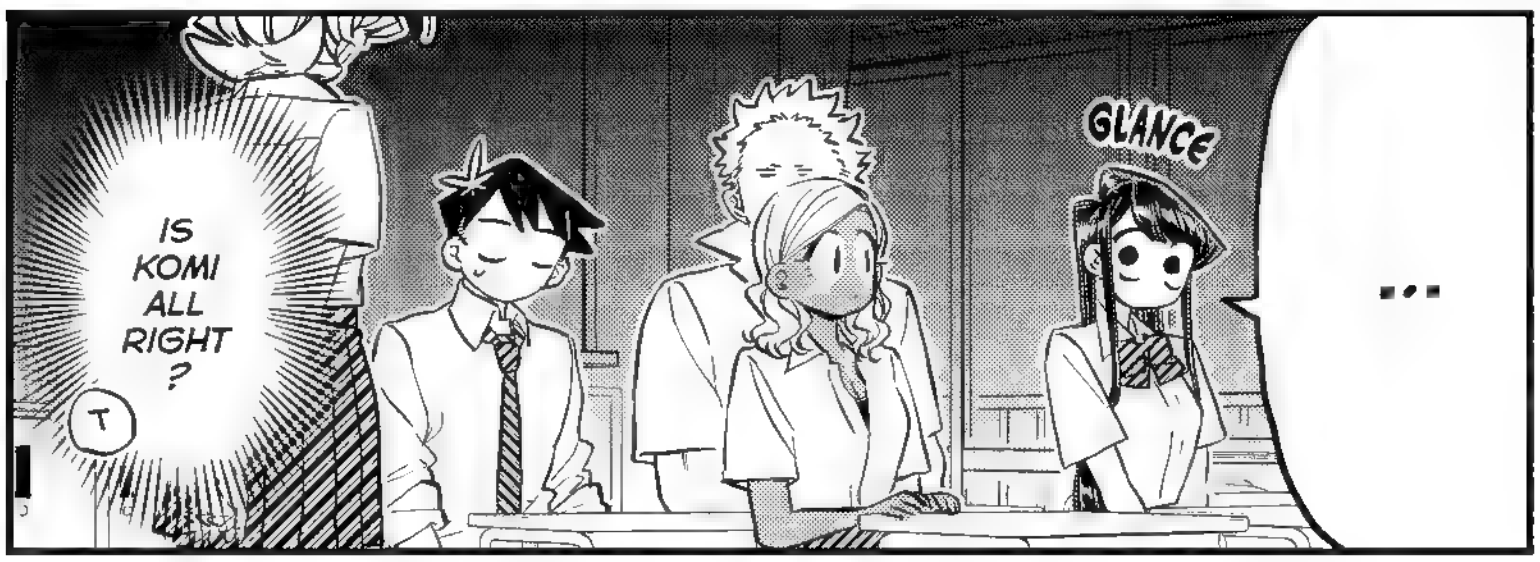
I preferred "crayfish who just escaped the aquarium"!

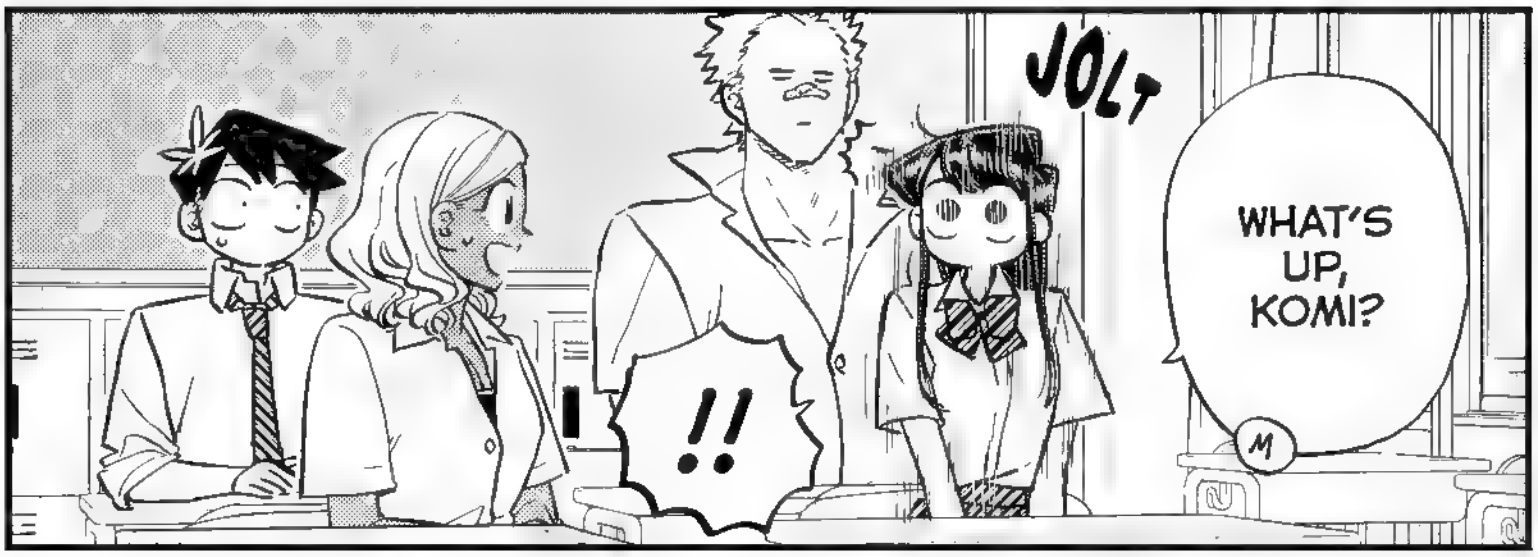
GLANCE

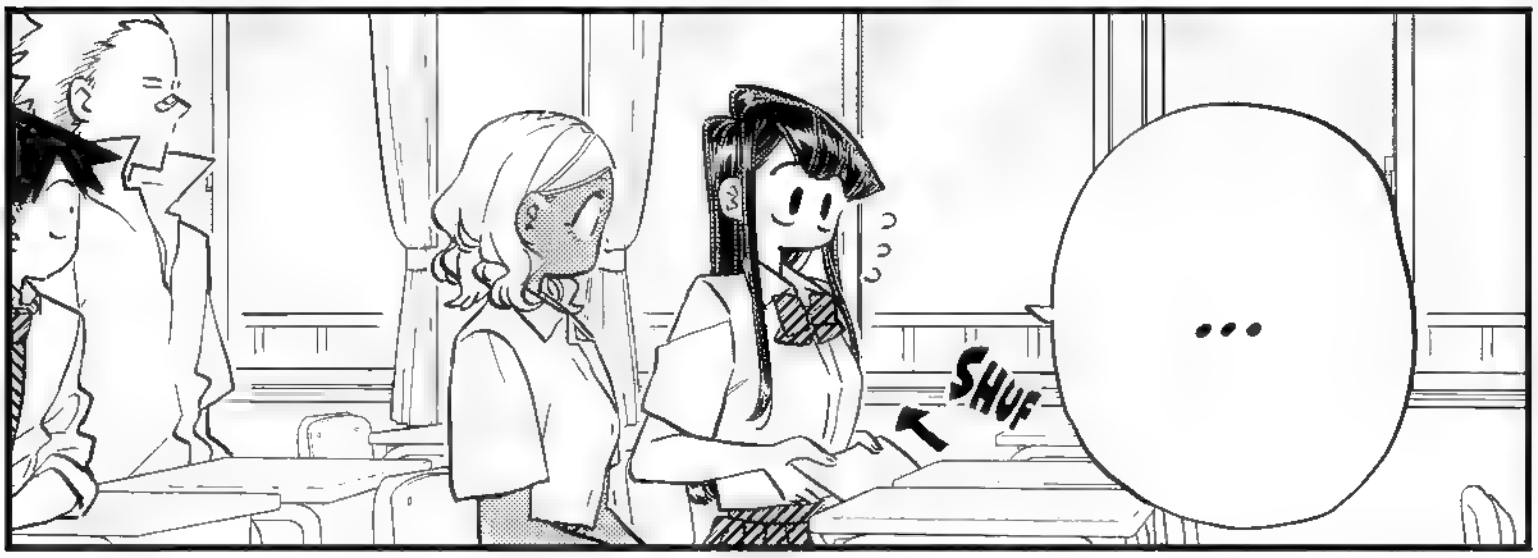
...

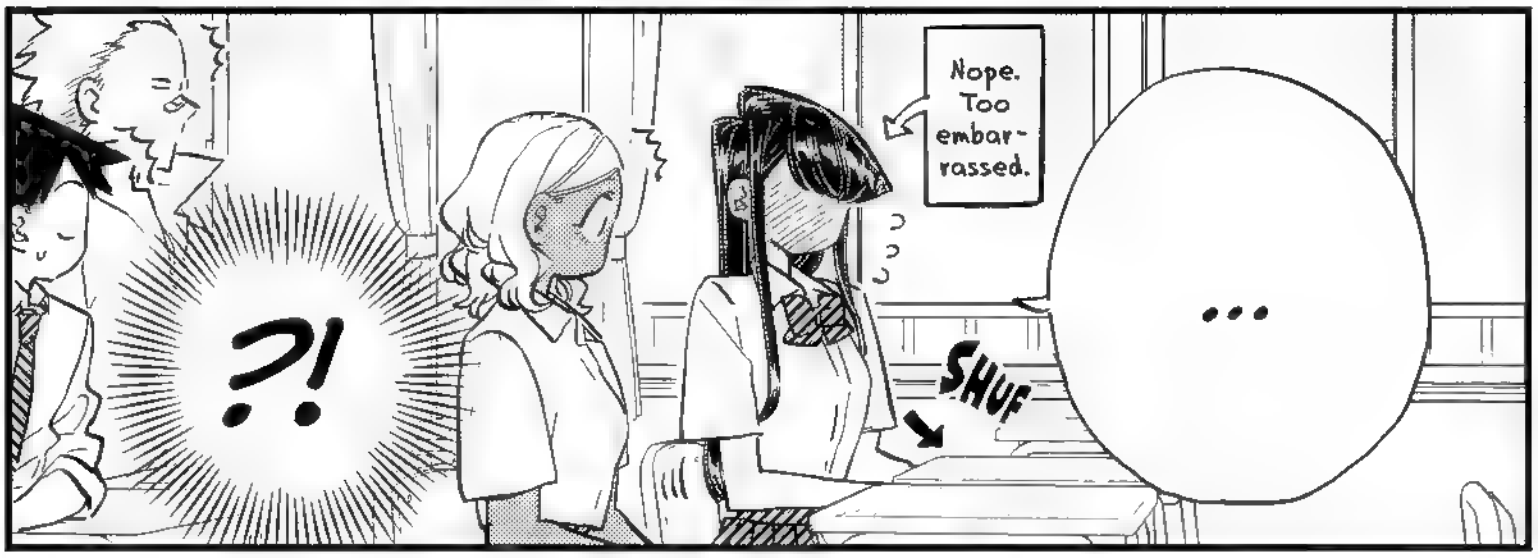
GASP!
G-GLANCE
!!
WHAT'S WRONG, KOMI?
?
SWUPSWUP
!
!

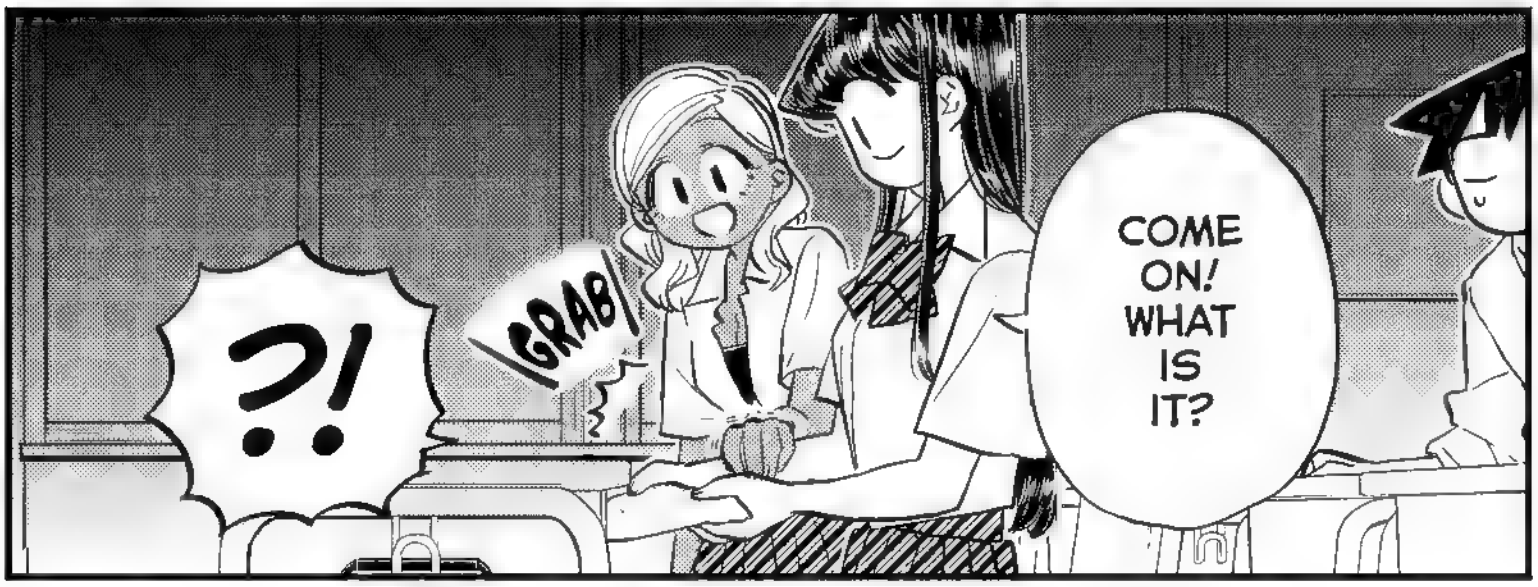
...*hiding from a psycho killer in my room* Style!
My favorite is...
...


IS KOMI ALL RIGHT?
T
GLANCE
...


JOLT
WHAT'S UP, KOMI?
M
!!


...
SHUF


Nope. Too embar-rassed.
...
SHUF
?!


COME ON! WHAT IS IT?
GRAB
?!

A TO-DO LIST FOR SUMMER VACATION ?

Summer Vacation To-Do List

- Visit the ocean
- Go to another festival

...

!

LEMME SEE!

QUIT COVERING IT UP!

Yep. Incredibly embar-rassed.

FWIP FWUP FWOP FWIP-

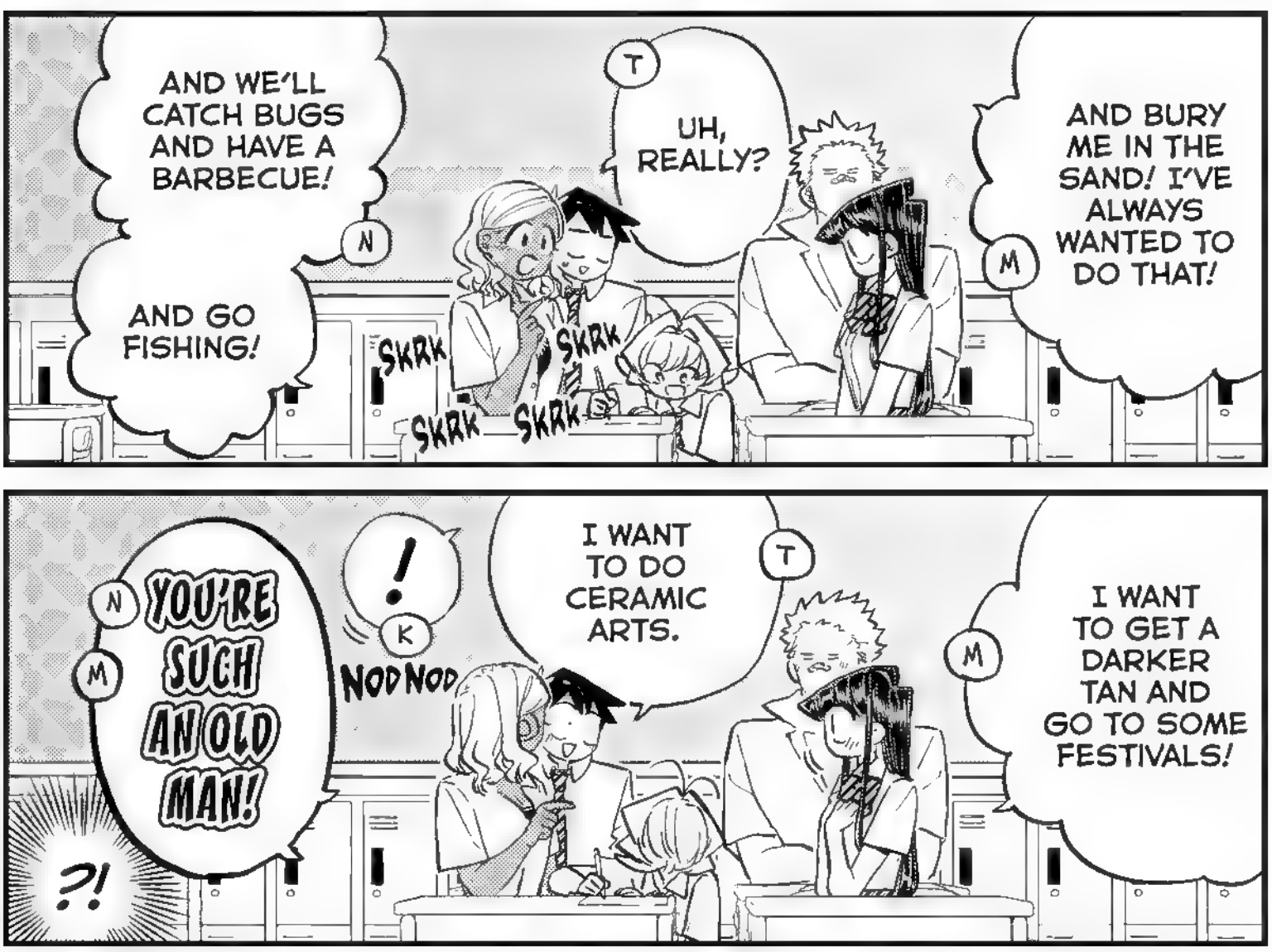
!

!

Summer Vacation To-Do List

- ☐ Visit the ocean
- ☐ Go to another festival
- ☐ See some fireworks
- ☐ It would also be nice to set off some fireworks
- ☐ Borrow 20 books from the library (Or read them there)
- ☐ Play with friends (Invite them yourself)
- ☐ Do homework with everyone
- ☐ Participate in radio exercises
- ☐ Pull weeds in the garden
- ☐ Grow tomatoes
- ☐ Help around the house
- ☐ Ride my bicycle
- ☐ Go outside as much as possible
- ☐ Go to 131 Ice Cream

I WANNA WATCH FIRE-WORKS TOO! LET'S GO TOGETHER!
M
HEY, THE OCEAN IS A GOOD IDEA!
N
I SEE... A LIST OF THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER!
T
!!
K
NOD NOD
!
K
LET'S BREAK OPEN A WATERMELON AT THE BEACH!!
N
OH!
M
AND HAVE A SHAVE ICE EATING CONTEST!
N
THAT'S A LOT OF BOOKS! IF YOU FIND A GOOD ONE, TELL ME!
T
SKRK
SKRK
!


AND WE'LL CATCH BUGS AND HAVE A BARBECUE!
AND GO FISHING!
N
UH, REALLY?
T
AND BURY ME IN THE SAND! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT!
M
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
YOU'RE SUCH AN OLD MAN!
N
M
?!
!
K
NOD NOD
I WANT TO DO CERAMIC ARTS.
T
I WANT TO GET A DARKER TAN AND GO TO SOME FESTIVALS!
M

IT LOOKS FUN.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

HWUP HWUP

HOW ABOUT YOU, KATAI?

N

HUH? OKAY!

WE'RE MAKING PLANS FOR THE SUMMER!

COME ON OVER, ASE!

WHAT DO *YOU* WANNA DO, MS. MIWA?

N

HUH ?!

I WISH I COULD JOIN AND–

NO! MAINTAIN DECO-RUM!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

TAP TAP

WHERE DO YOU *USUALLY* SLEEP?

...SLEEP IN MY BED FOR ONCE?

UM...

Summer Vacation To-Do List

• Go to the aquarium! • And to the zoo!

Shark float! Bring one!

- ☐ Visit the ocean
  - Get a tan!
- ☐ Go to another festival
  - Do better at candy cutting this time!!
- ☐ See some fireworks
  - ME TOO!
  - Me too!
- ☐ It would also be nice to set off some fireworks
  - Leave that to Najimi
- ☐ Borrow 20 books from the library (Or read them ...)
  - •ME TOO. 1 BOOK. MAYBE 0.5?
- ☐ Play with friends (Invite them yourself)
  - •AND I'LL INVITE KOMI!
- ☐ Do homework with everyone
  - •I'LL HAVE EVERYONE HELP WITH MY HOMEWORK!
- ☐ Participate in radio exercises
  - Z Z Z •I'll be sleeping a lot!
- ☐ Pull weeds in the garden
  - •This year's part-time job!
  - ~~for experience~~ for fun money!
- ☐ Grow tomatoes
  - Eat tomatoes!
- ☐ Help around the house
  - Z Z Z Sleep in bed
- ☐ Ride my bicycle
  - •Sounds nice. I'll pedal somewhere too.
- ☐ Go outside as much as possible
  - •Don't get heat stroke!
- ☐ Go to 31 Ice Cream
  - •Get Hopping Star flavor! And Sweet Red Bean flavor!

• Split a watermelon
• Shave ice eating contest
• Get buried in the sand!

EAT AT EVERY FOOD STAND!!

☐ I want to do sparklers

• Light 200 bottle rockets at once!!

DON'T LET NAJIMI DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS

Have kimchi hot-pot party in a hot room

• Bug-catching
• Barbecue
• Fishing (catch crayfish!)
• Airsoft / Fire!

• MAKE SURE NAJIMI FINISHES!

• I wanna buy summer clothes!

• HORROR MOVIE NIGHT! A test of courage!

• Ceramic art?
• Glass blowing?

[Make 500 friends during summer vacation!!]

• Get motorcycle license
• Go to body-building competition with Tadano
• Hunt for four-leaf clovers
• Drink plenty of fluids!
• Avoid air-conditioning!
• Sweat out all sweat

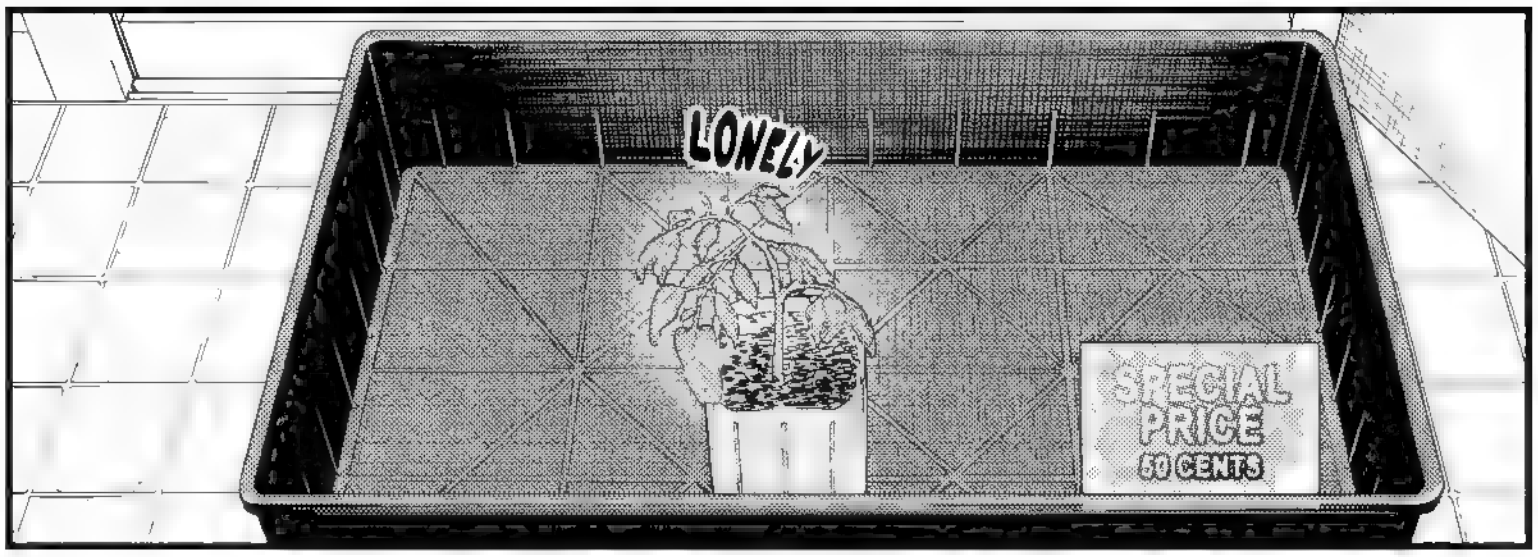
All done!!

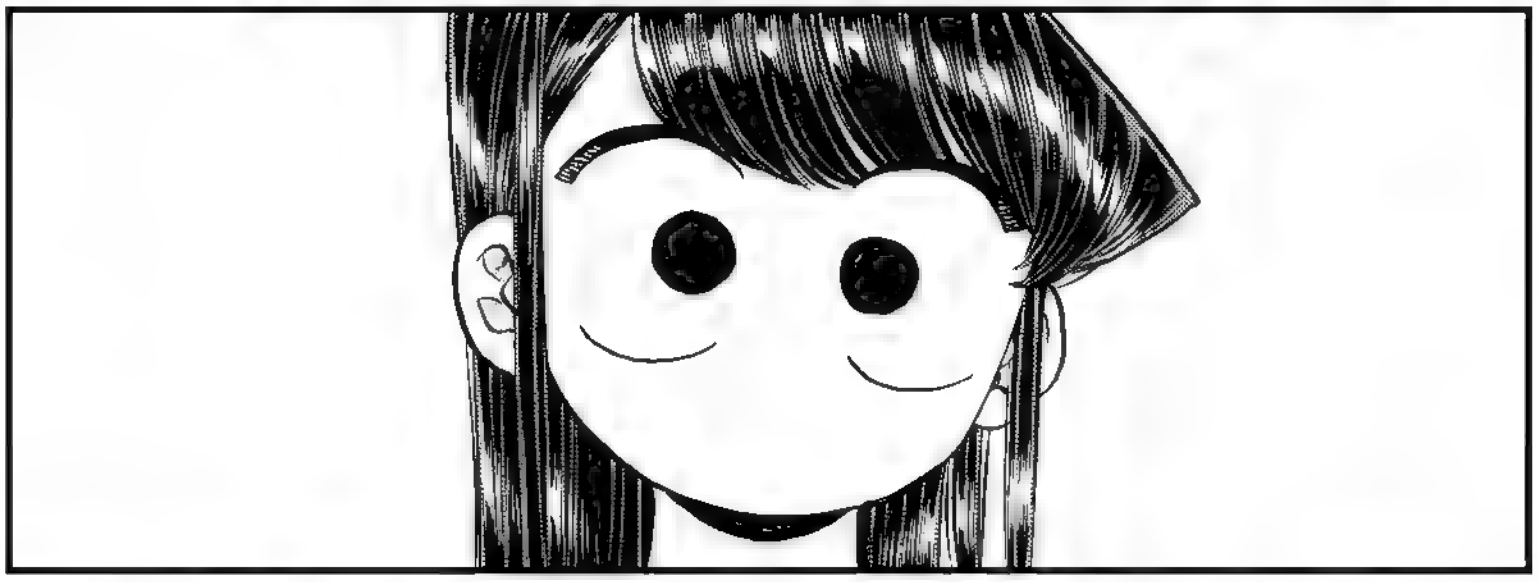
Try new things!

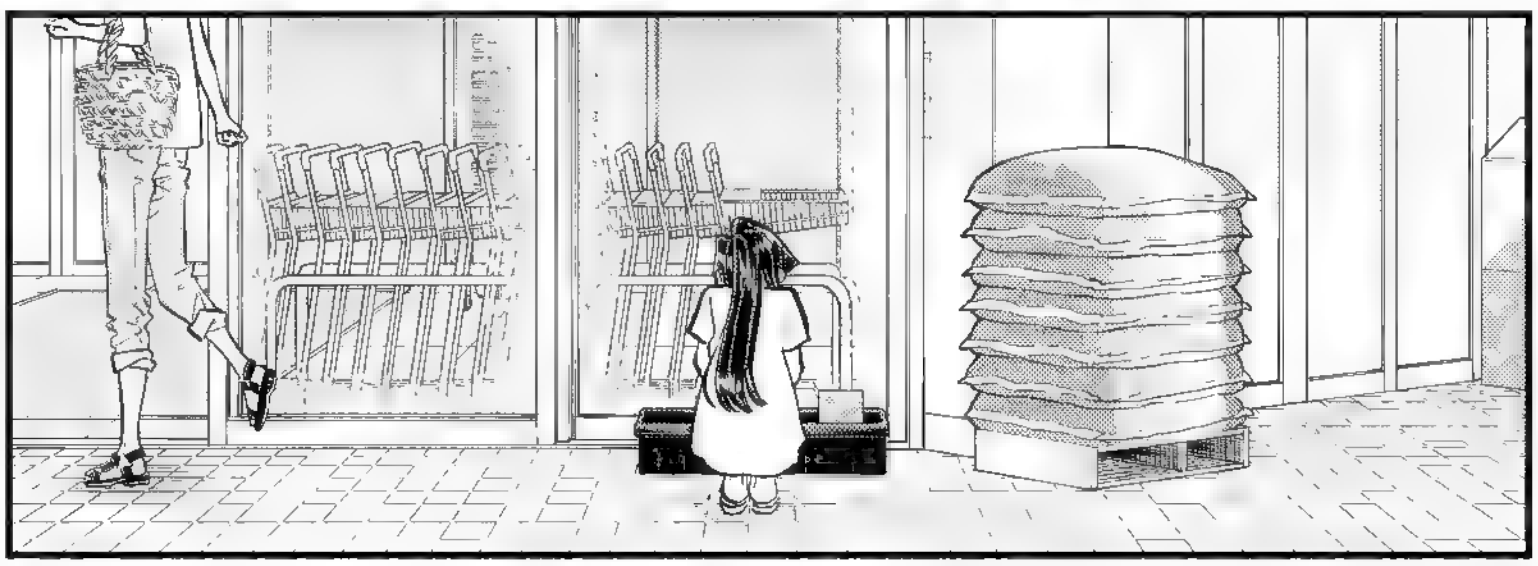
UH-
OH...
Maybe we shouldn't have done that?
BA
DOOM
...

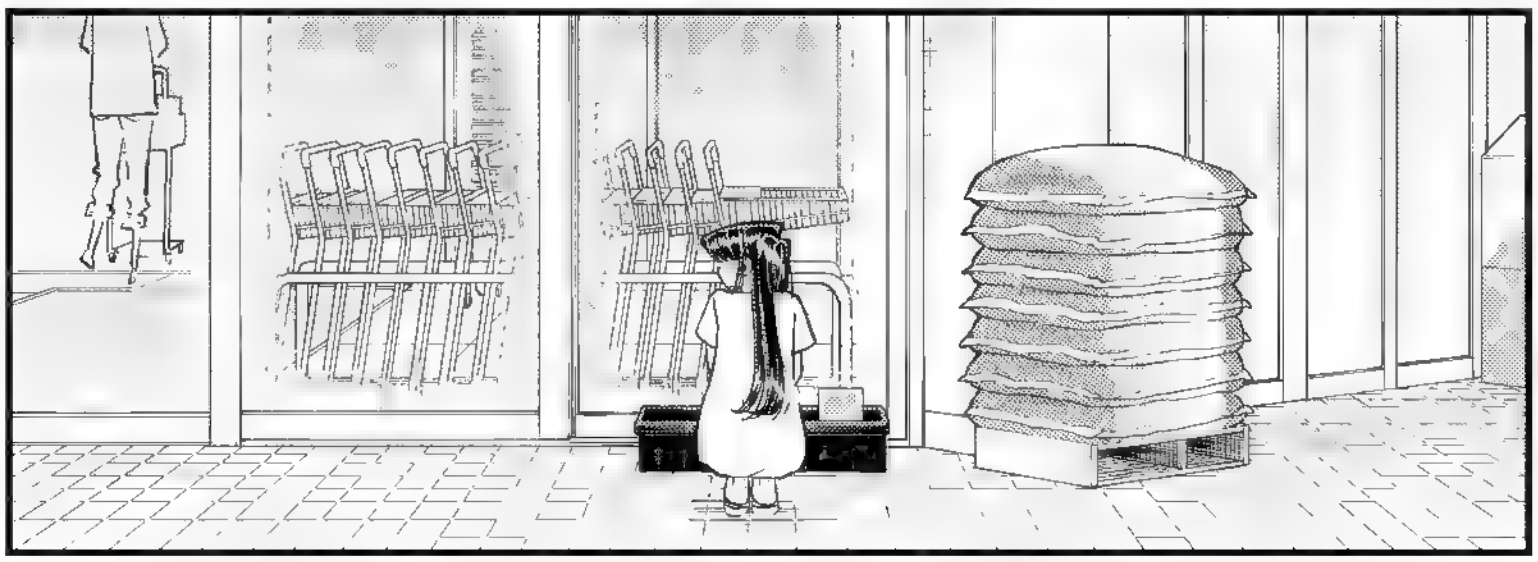
Communication 160 — The End

Communication 161: Cherry Tomatoes


LONELY
SPECIAL
PRICE
50 CENTS







Pot
Watering can
Cherry tomato seedling
Soil w/fertilizer
Shovel
Pumice
Guidebook
POTTING COMPOST
MY FIRST TOMATOES
POT STONES

You may also surround it with a net.
Make sure to cover the bottom.
DUMP
Pour pumice into pot.

Then add water.
SHUF
SHUF..
COMPOST
Add soil till nearly full.

Add sup-ports.
SWIS
Make holes, then plant seedling.

...

SUPPOSEDLY PLANTS GROW BETTER IF YOU TALK TO THEM!!

IS THAT REALLY TRUE?

THEY SAY PLAYING CLASSICAL MUSIC FOR TOMATOES WILL MAKE THEM SWEETER, BUT IT MIGHT ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO TALK TO THEM! LET YOUR PLANTS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL BY CHATTING THEM UP!

GLANCE GLANCE

...!

...!

...GROW UP NICE ...

...AND BIG!

PLEASE ...

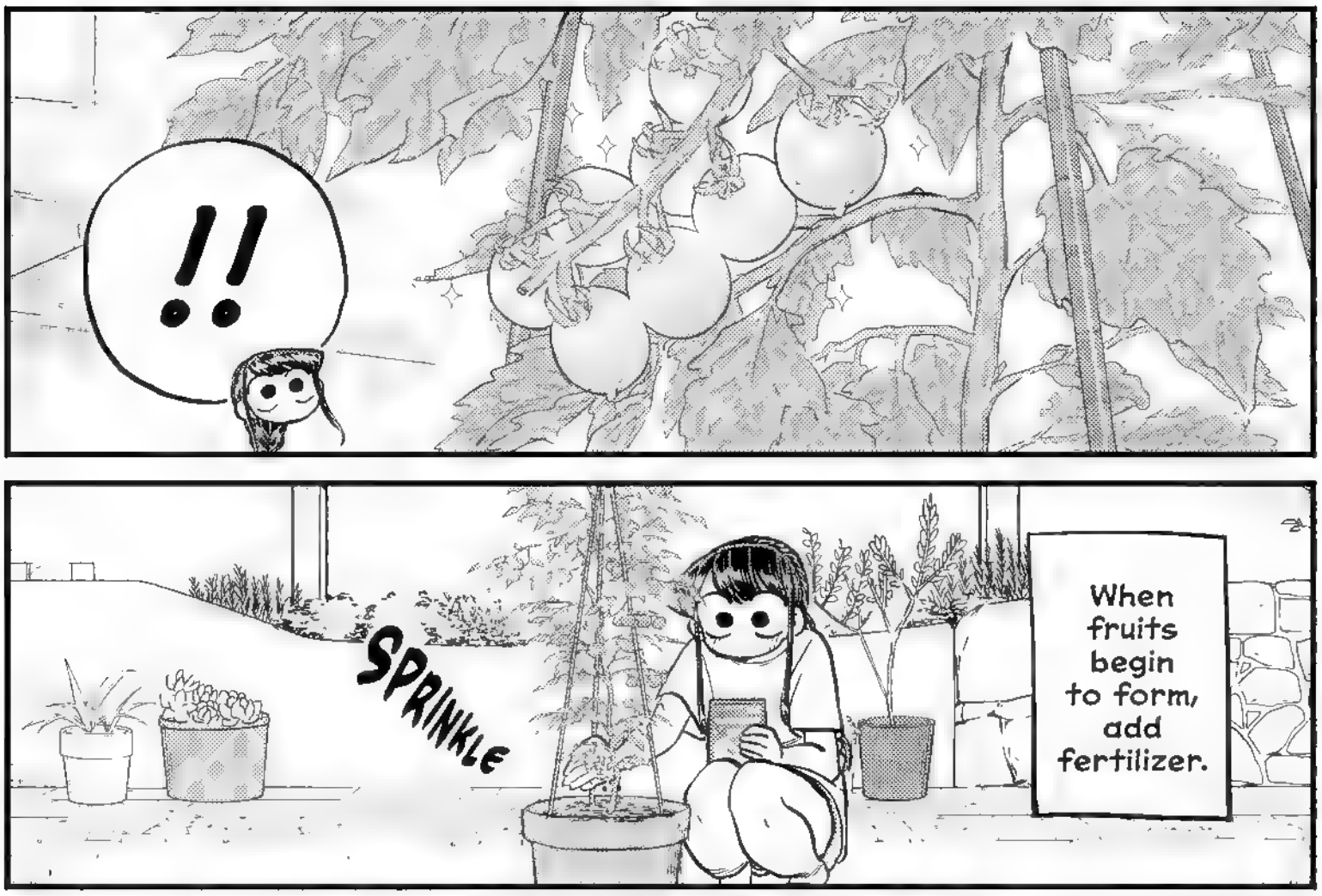
GLANCE GLANCE GLANCE

Looking around to see if anyone saw her

!!

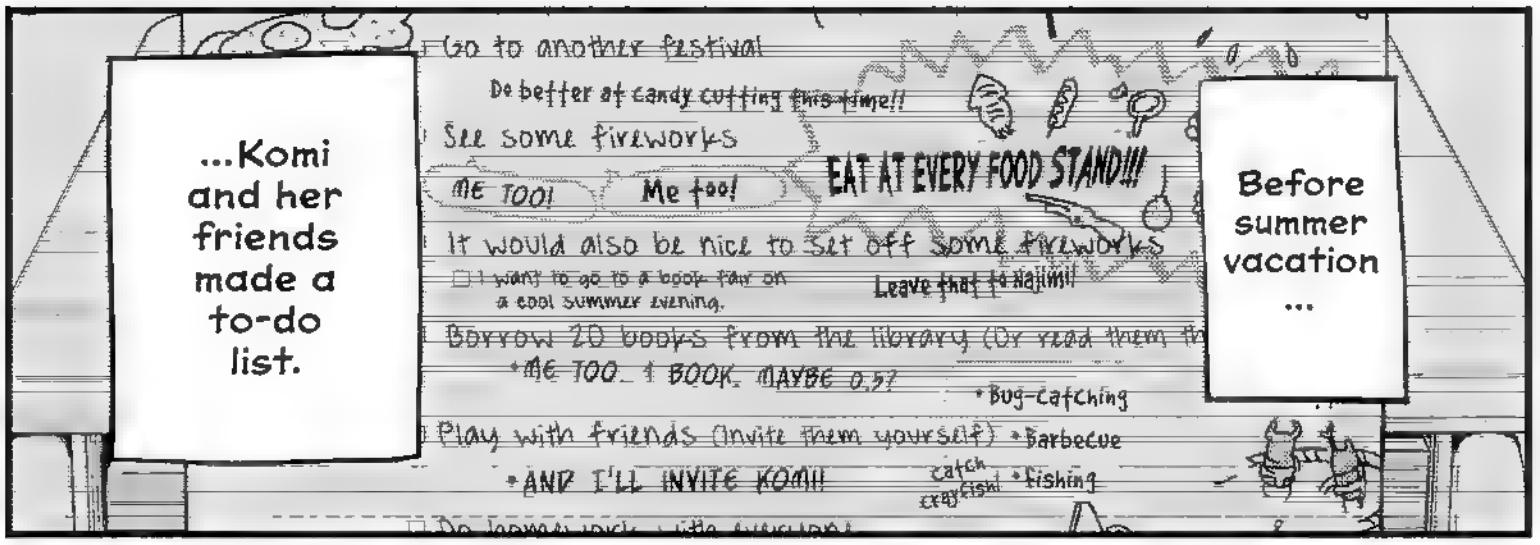
!!!

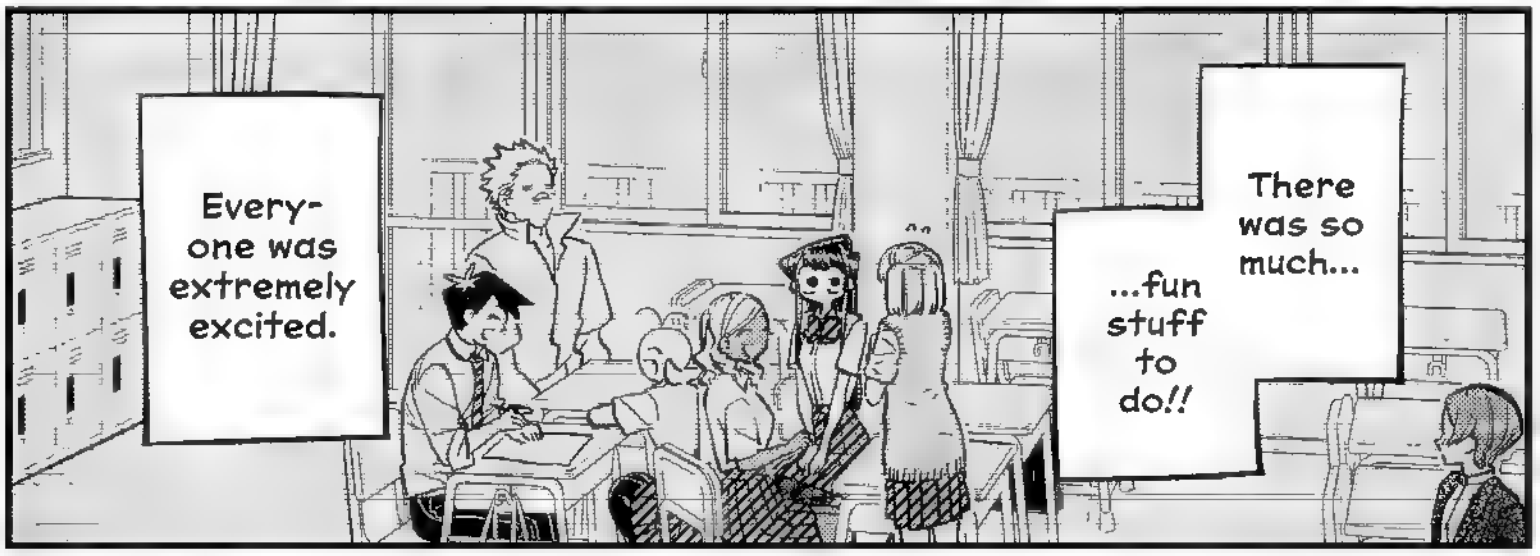
Water when the soil appears dry.
Remove side shoots.
!
When it flowers, shake it to stimulate polli-nation.

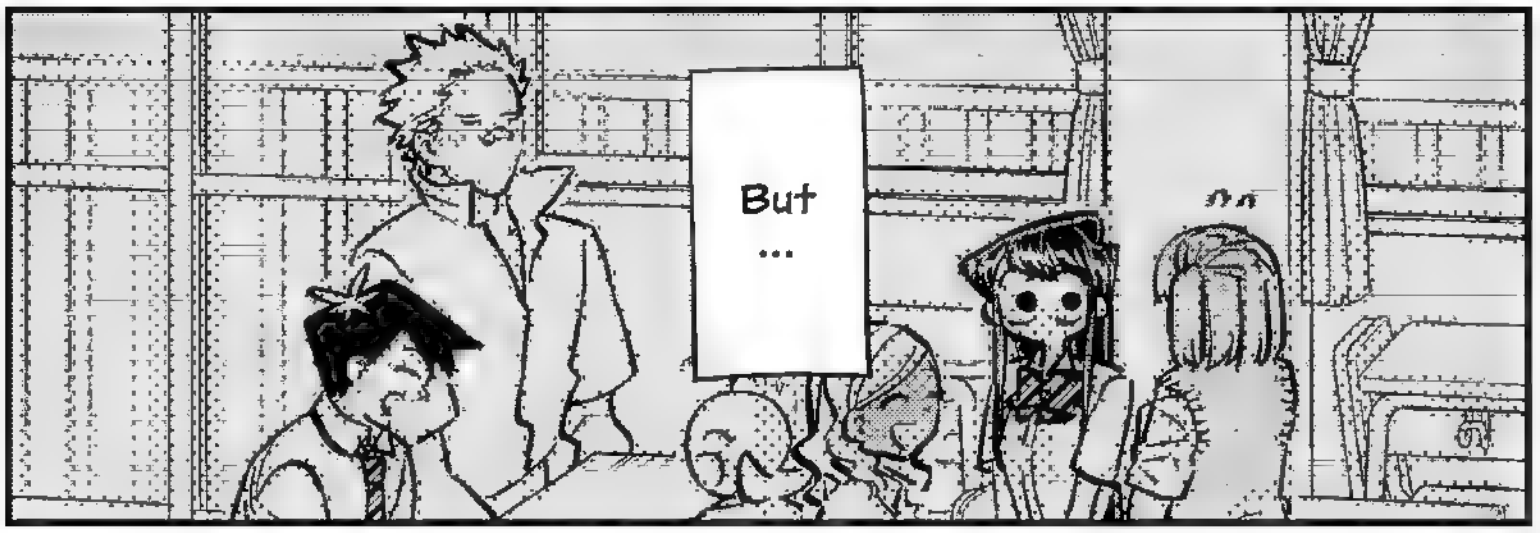


Communication 161 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate


...Komi and her friends made a to-do list.
Go to another festival
Do better at candy cutting this time!!
See some fireworks
EAT AT EVERY FOOD STAND!!!
ME TOO!
Me too!
It would also be nice to set off some fireworks
Leave that to Najimi!!
Borrow 20 books from the library (Or read them th
*ME TOO_1 BOOK. MAYBE 0.5?
*Bug-catching
Play with friends (Invite them yourself) *Barbecue
*AND I'LL INVITE KOMI!!
catch crayfish! *Fishing
Before summer vacation ...





...they were also hesitant!!

...to which activities and when?!

Who was supposed to invite whom...

Everyone (except Najimi) assumed *somebody else* would do it!!

OSAKA

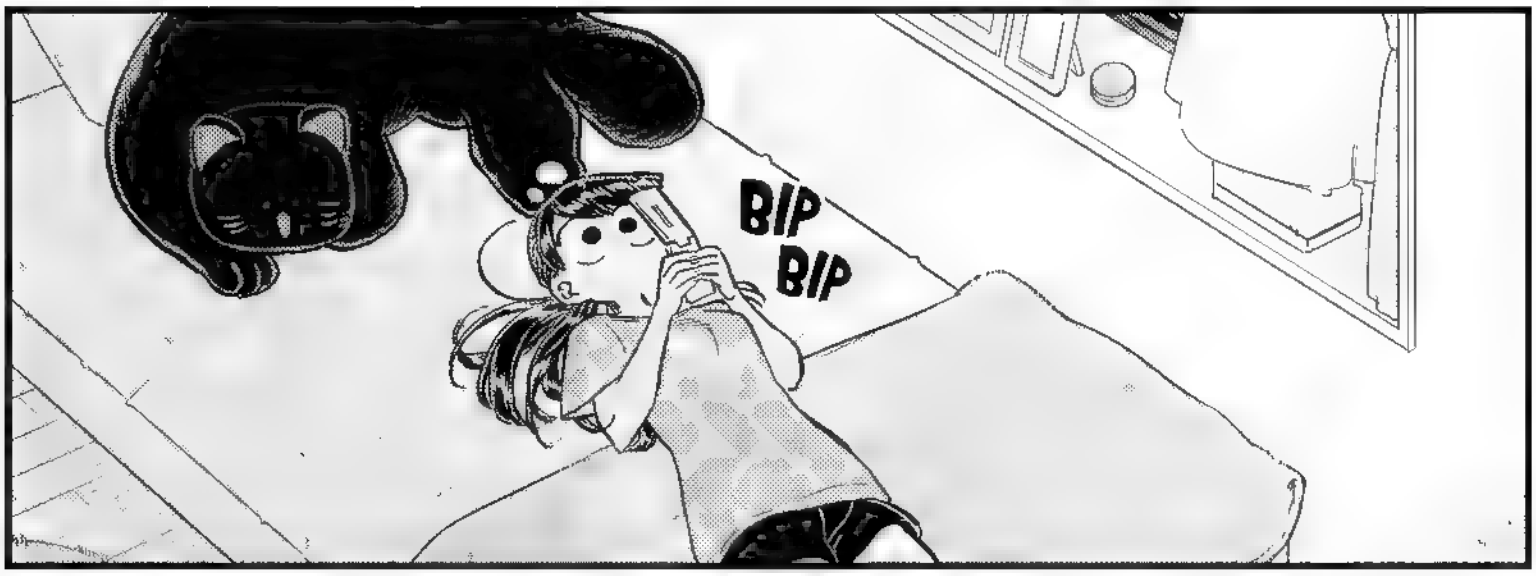
And they *assumed* everyone else was already busy!!

The moral of the story is...

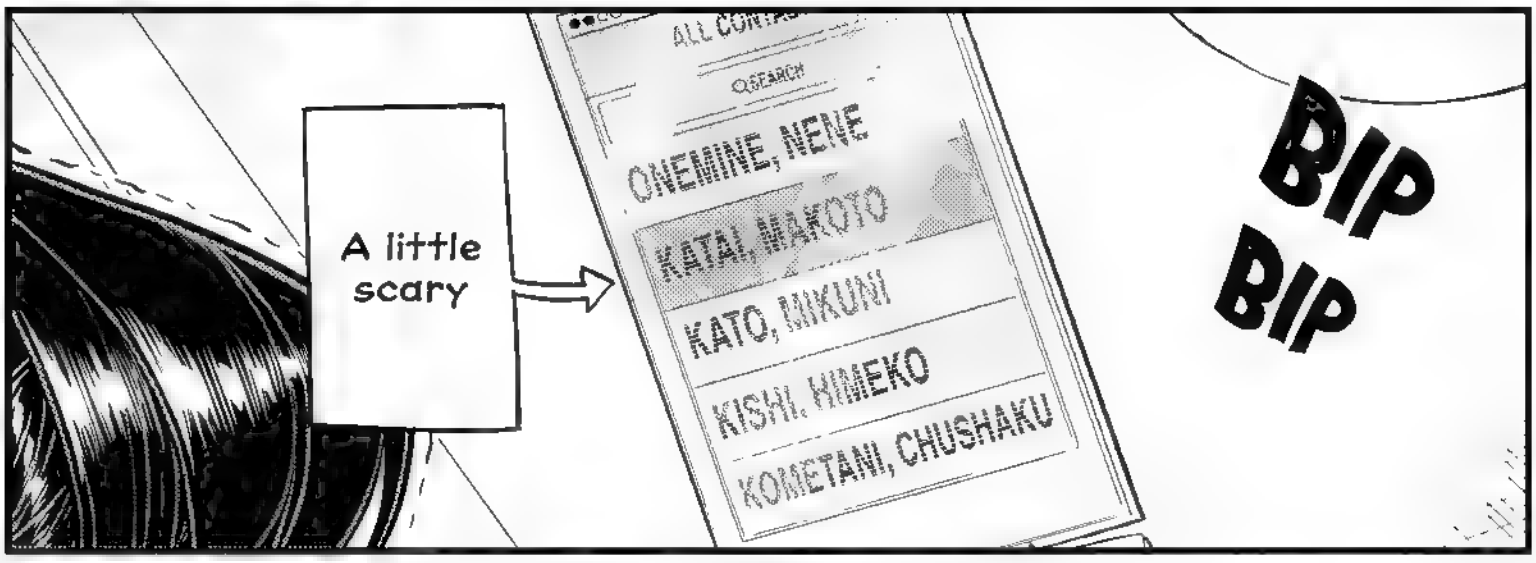
Finished her homework in one week

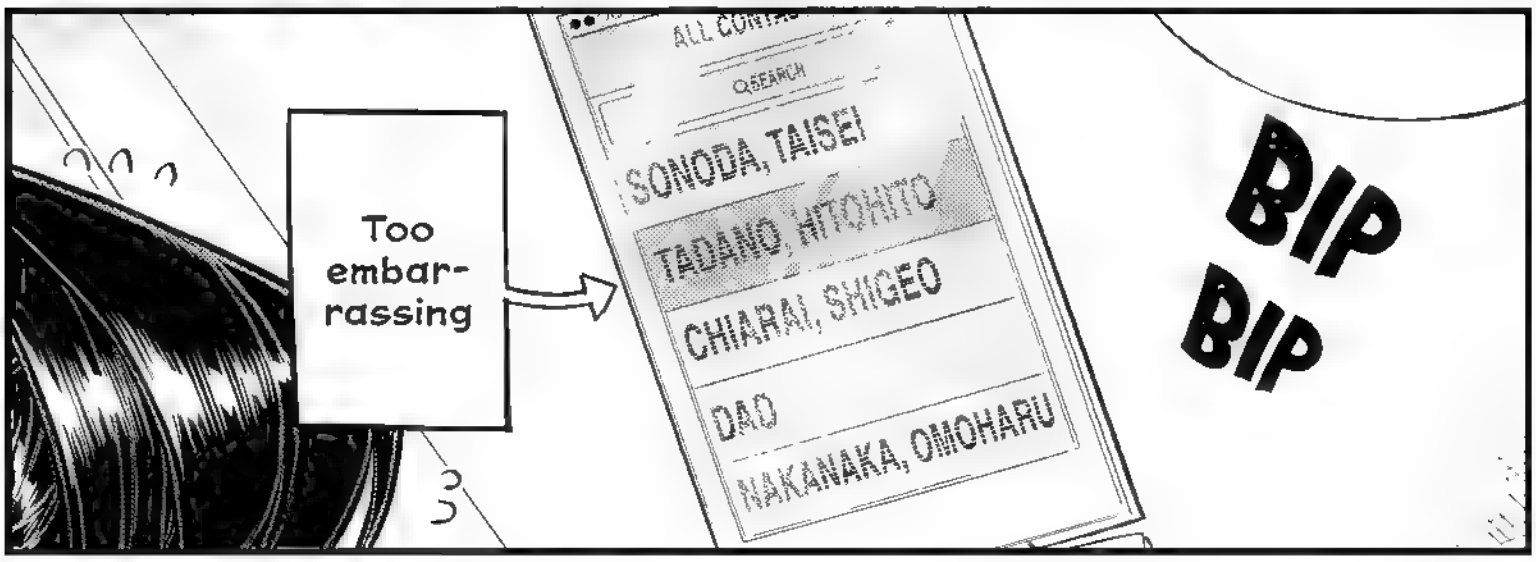
...make specific plans!!

Communication 162: The Invitation


BIP
BIP

Probably busy
USHIRODA, EIKO
OSANA, NAJIMI
OTORI, KAEDE
ONIGASHIMA, SHUKO
ONEMINE, NENE
BIP
BIP


A little scary
ONEMINE, NENE
KATAI, MAKOTO
KATO, MIKUNI
KISHI, KIMIEKO
KOMETANI, CHUSHAKU
BIP
BIP


Too embar-rassing
SONODA, TAISEI
TADANO, HITOHITO
CHIARAI, SHIGEO
DAO
NAKANAKA, OMOHARU
BIP
BIP

Incoming call

!!

CALLING

MANBAGI, RUMIKO

BIP

AQOS

RRRRRING

CAT CAFE GIRLS

MOM

MAEDA, HOSHIO JUKUJOSKY

MANBAGI, RUMIKO

YADANO, MAKERU

BIP

BIP

AQOS

?!

?!

Answered before she was ready to talk

UM, HELLO? KOMI?

WOW! YOU ANSWERED FAST!

...

NOD NOD

!

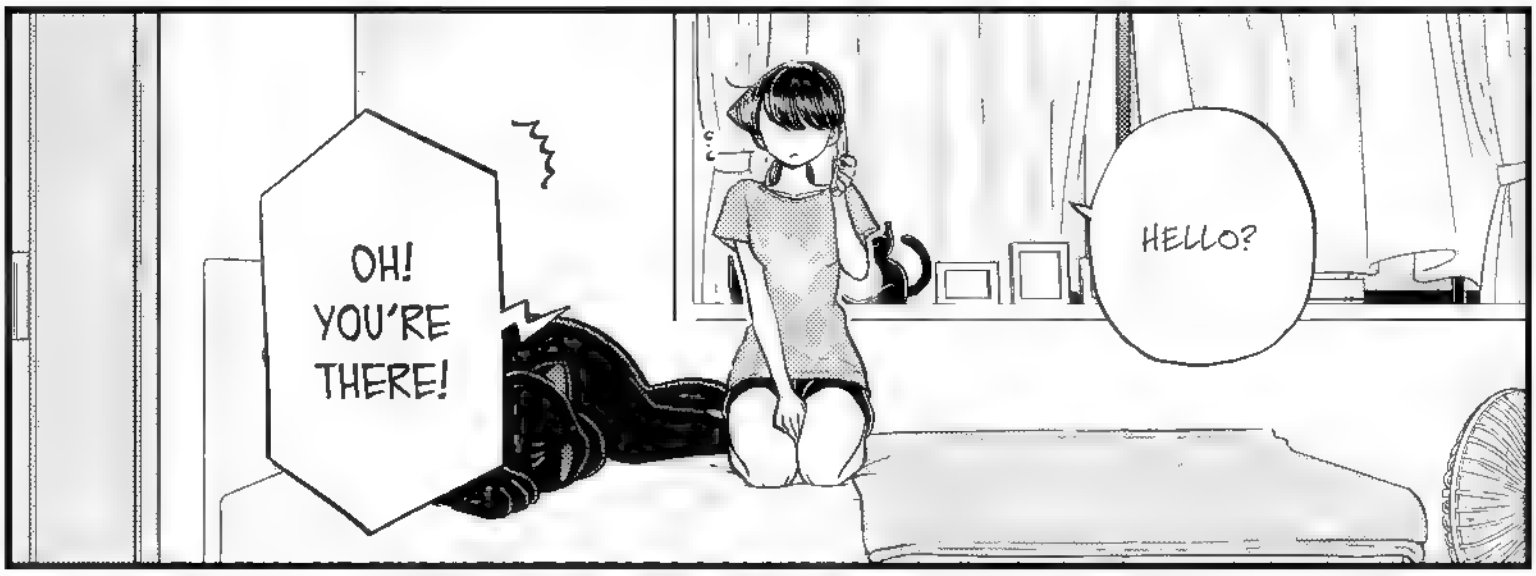
!

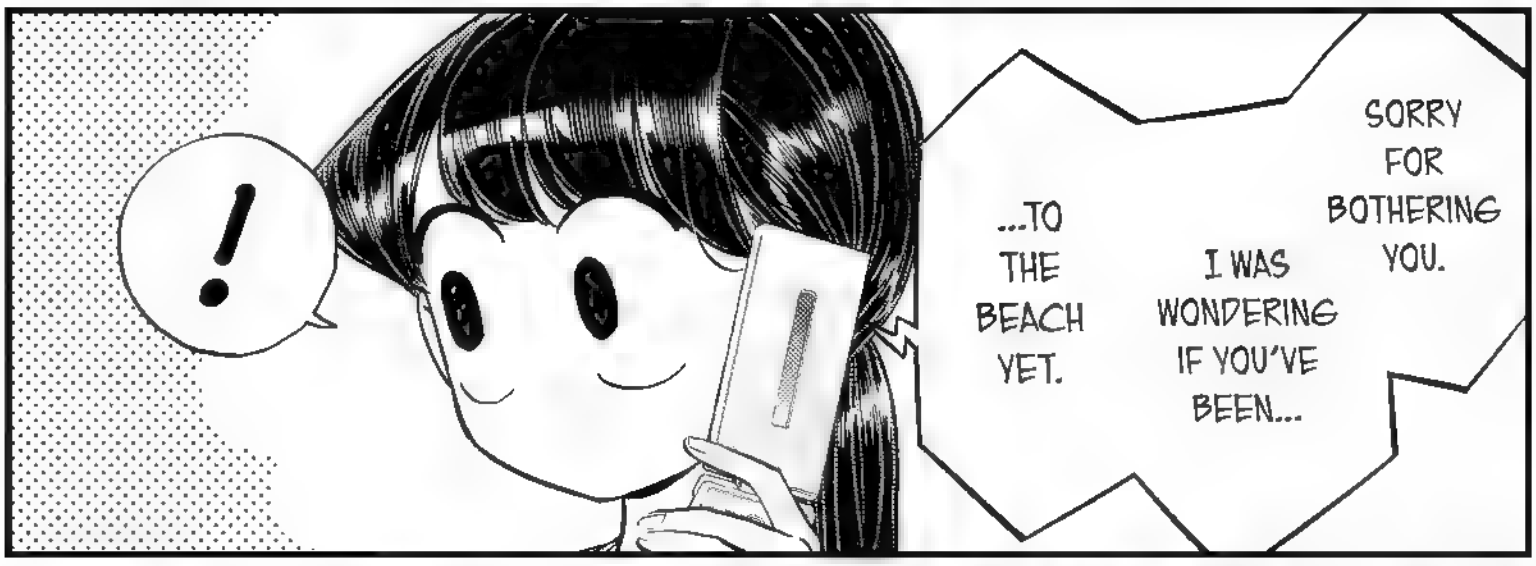
!!

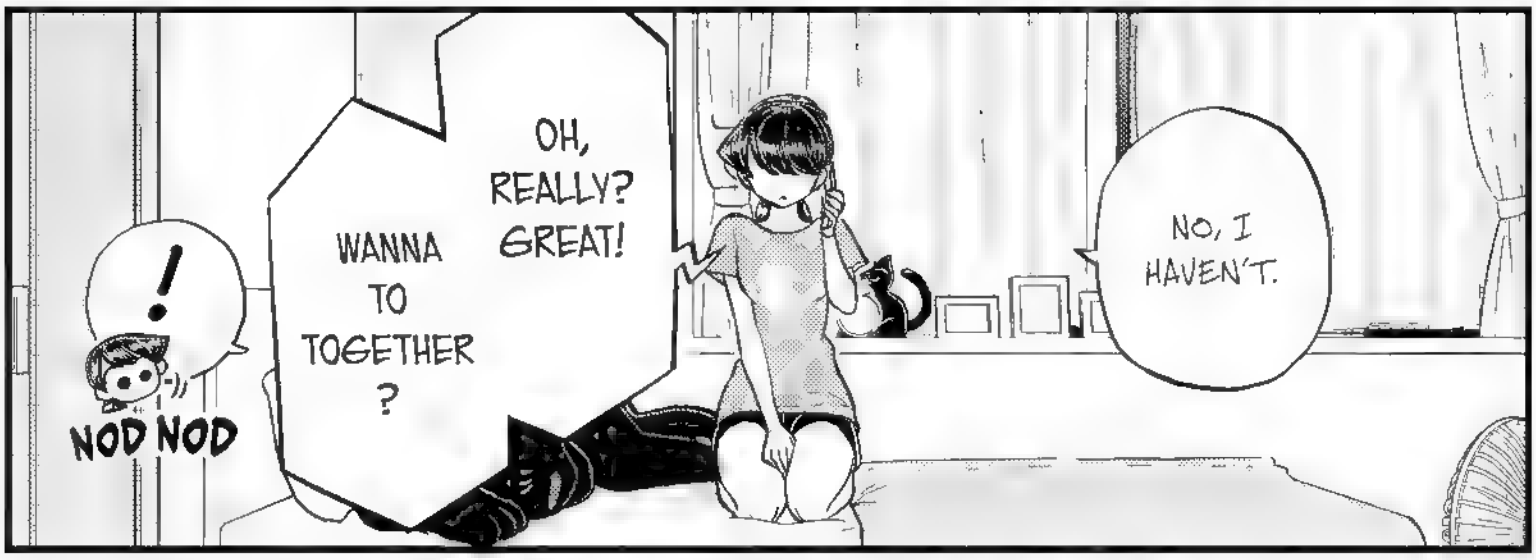
HELLO?

Yoo-hoo!

...


OH! YOU'RE THERE!
HELLO?


!
...TO THE BEACH YET.
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'VE BEEN...
SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU.


!
NOD NOD
WANNA TO TOGETHER ?
OH, REALLY? GREAT!
NO, I HAVEN'T.

!!
GASP
Y-YES, I DO.
KOMI?
...

HM? YOU AREN'T BUSY?

M-ME TOO.

I CAN GO ANY DAY BUT SATURDAY.

AWESOME! WHEN SHOULD WE GO?

CLIK

OKAY.

Bye-bye!

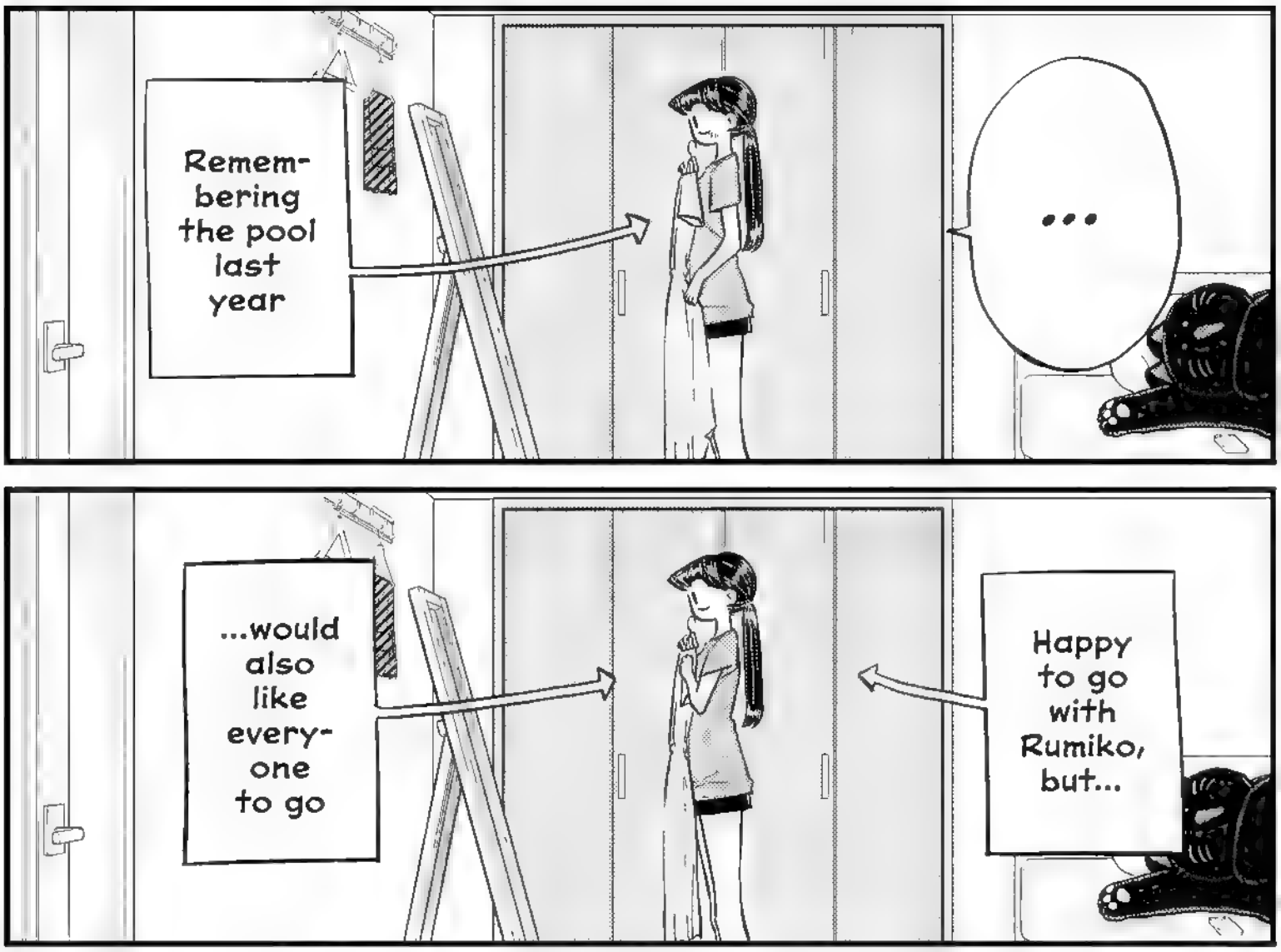
SEE YOU LATER!

OKAY, UNDER-STOOD!

Happy to have plans

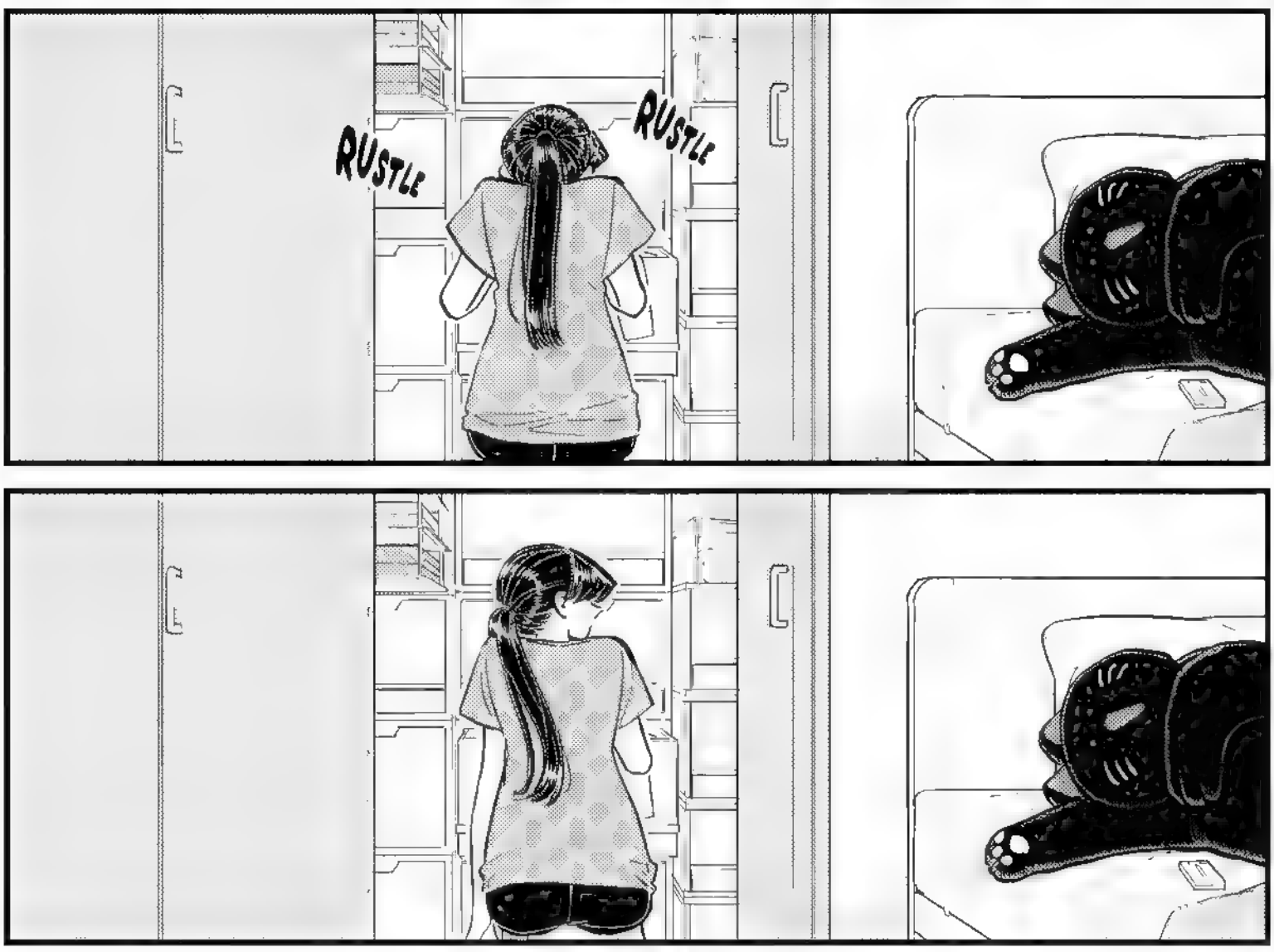
HMPH HMPH

RATTLE
RATTLE
TADUMMMMM


Remem-
bering
the pool
last
year
...
...would
also
like
every-
one
to go
Happy
to go
with
Rumiko,
but...

SHAKE
SHAKE
No,
*every-
one!!*
Also
wants
Tadano
to—
Thinks
it might
be rude
to ask
Manbagi
if she
can invite
others
...

Now she feels guilty.
PANG
...
SHAKE SHAKE
!


RUSTLE
RUSTLE

CAT CAFE GATEAU
MOM
MAEDA
HOSHI'O JUKAJOSKY
YADAWO, MAKERU
AQOOS
BIP

Maybe she'll ask if she can invite others after all.

...

But she'd practically be forcing Manbagi to say yes.

...

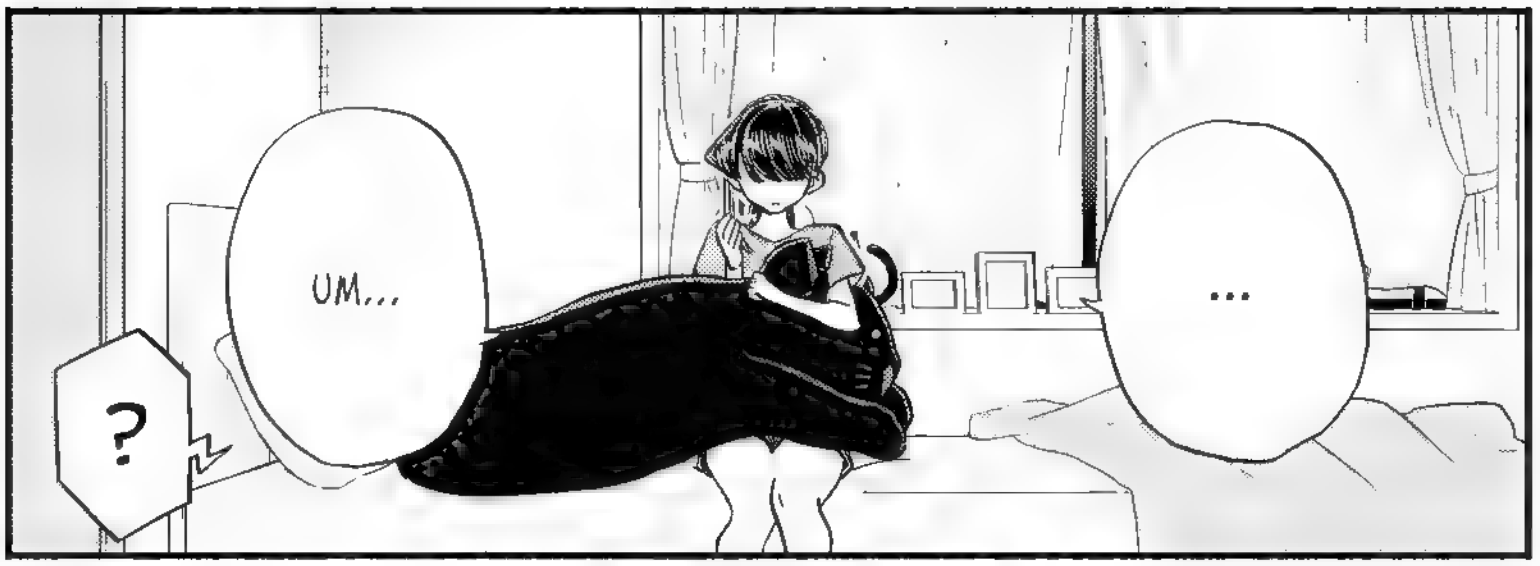
So she'd better not.

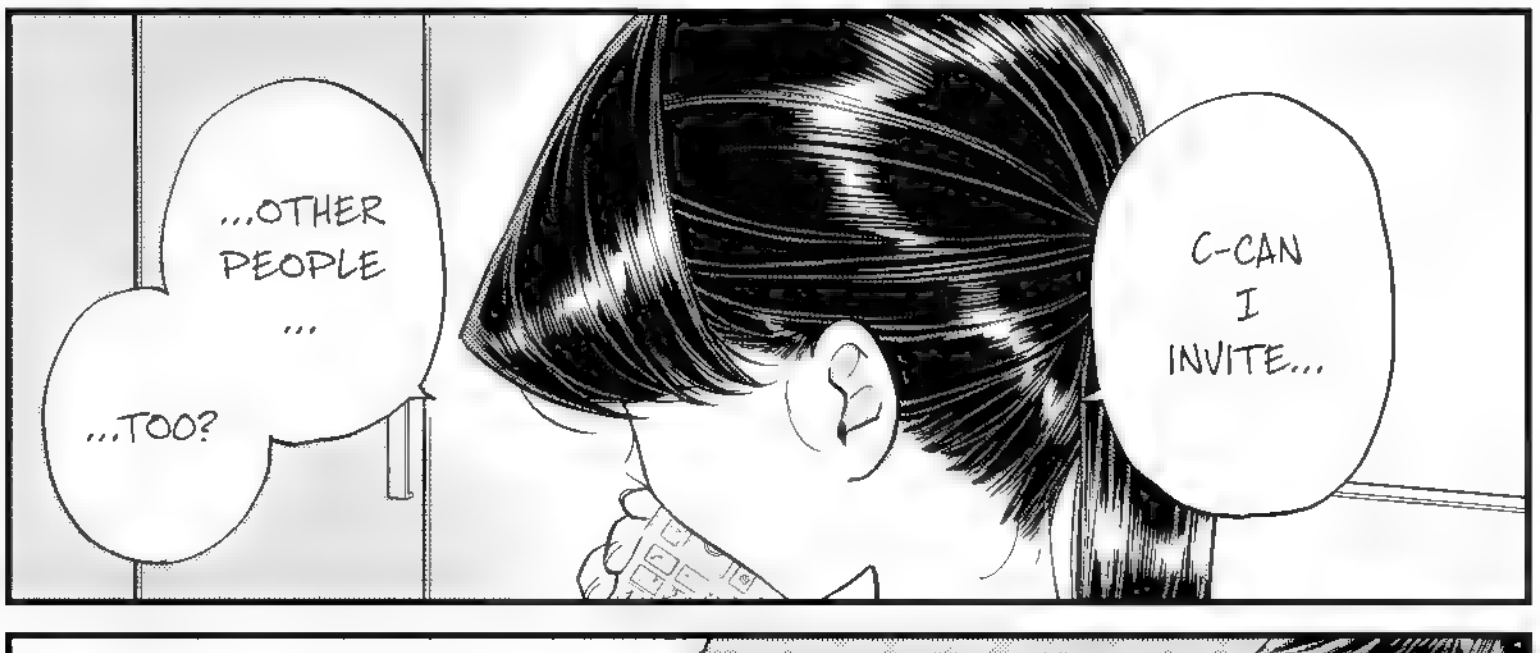
...

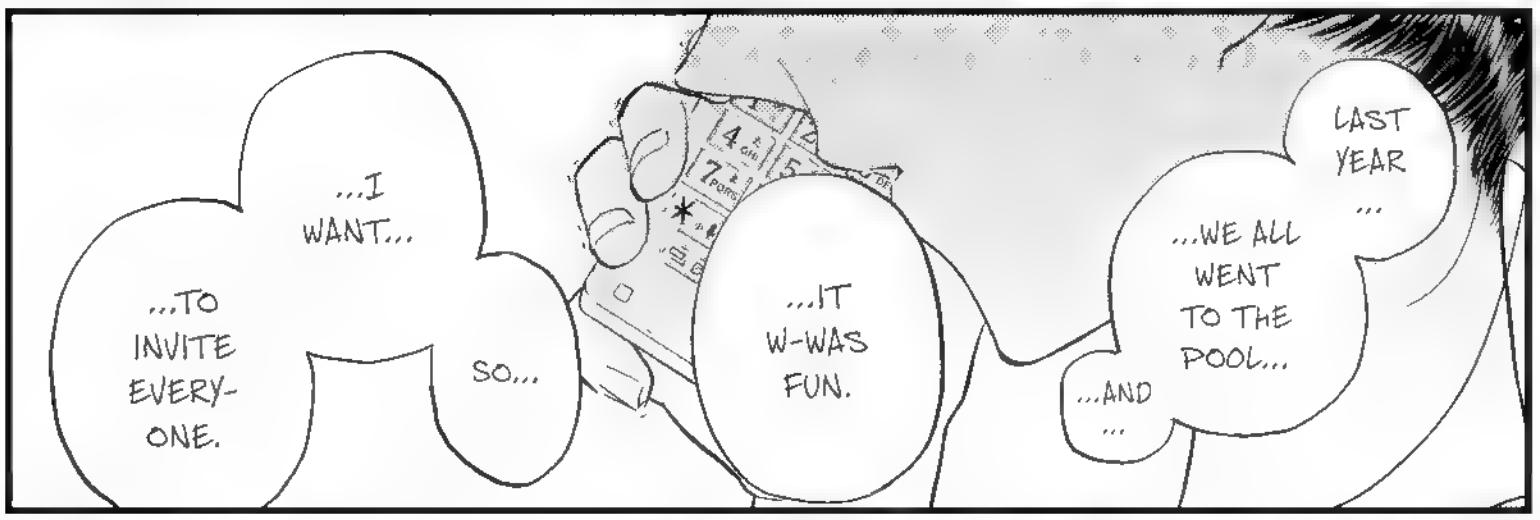
CALLING
MANBAGI, RUMIKO
TAK
RRRING
RRRING

HELLO? WHADDAYA NEED, KOMI?
TAK
RRRING

!
N-NO, BUT...
OH, DID SOME-THING COME UP?
WHEN WE GO TO THE BEACH...
UM...
...







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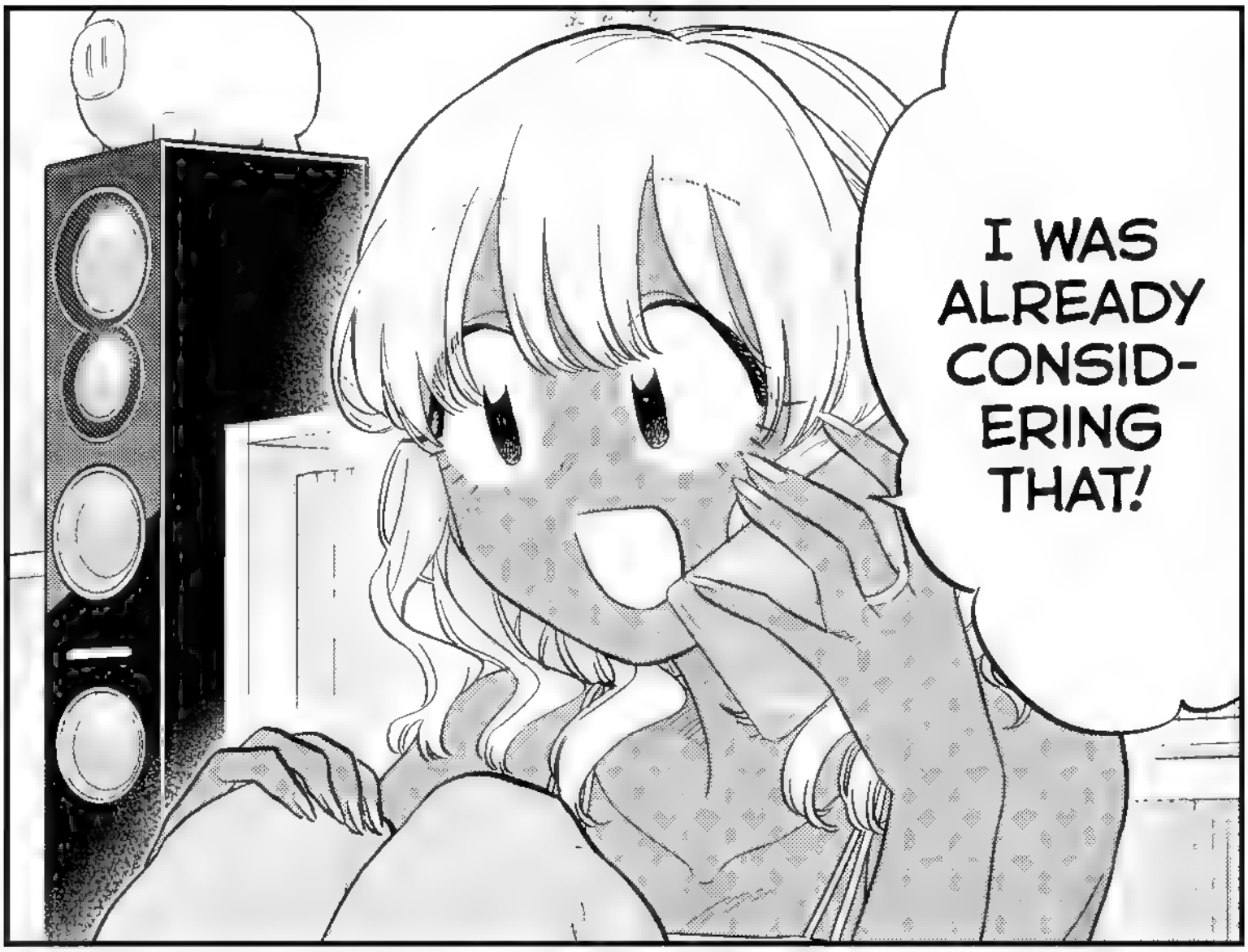
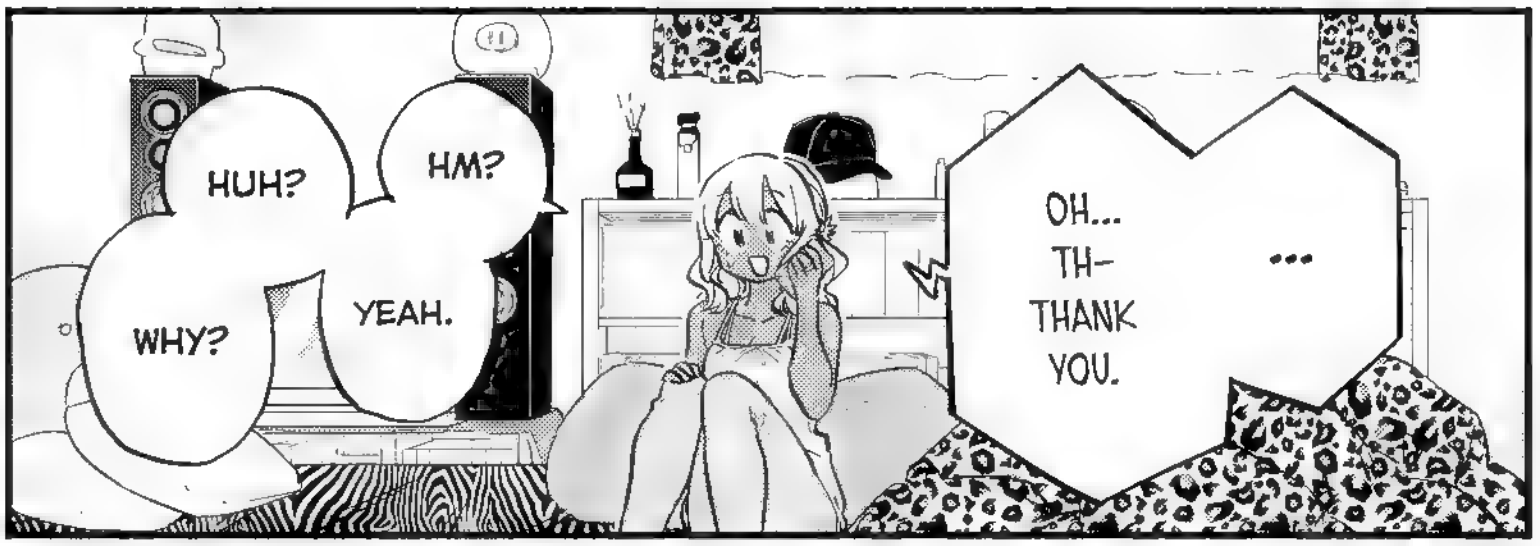
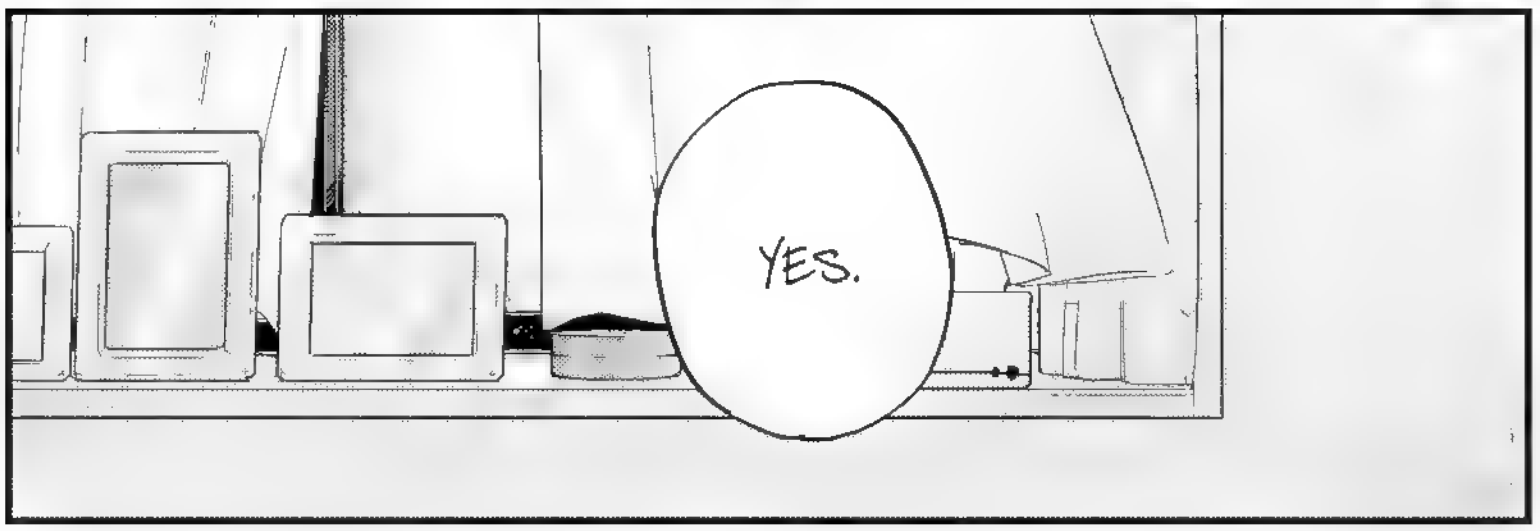

I WAS ALREADY CONSID-ERING THAT!

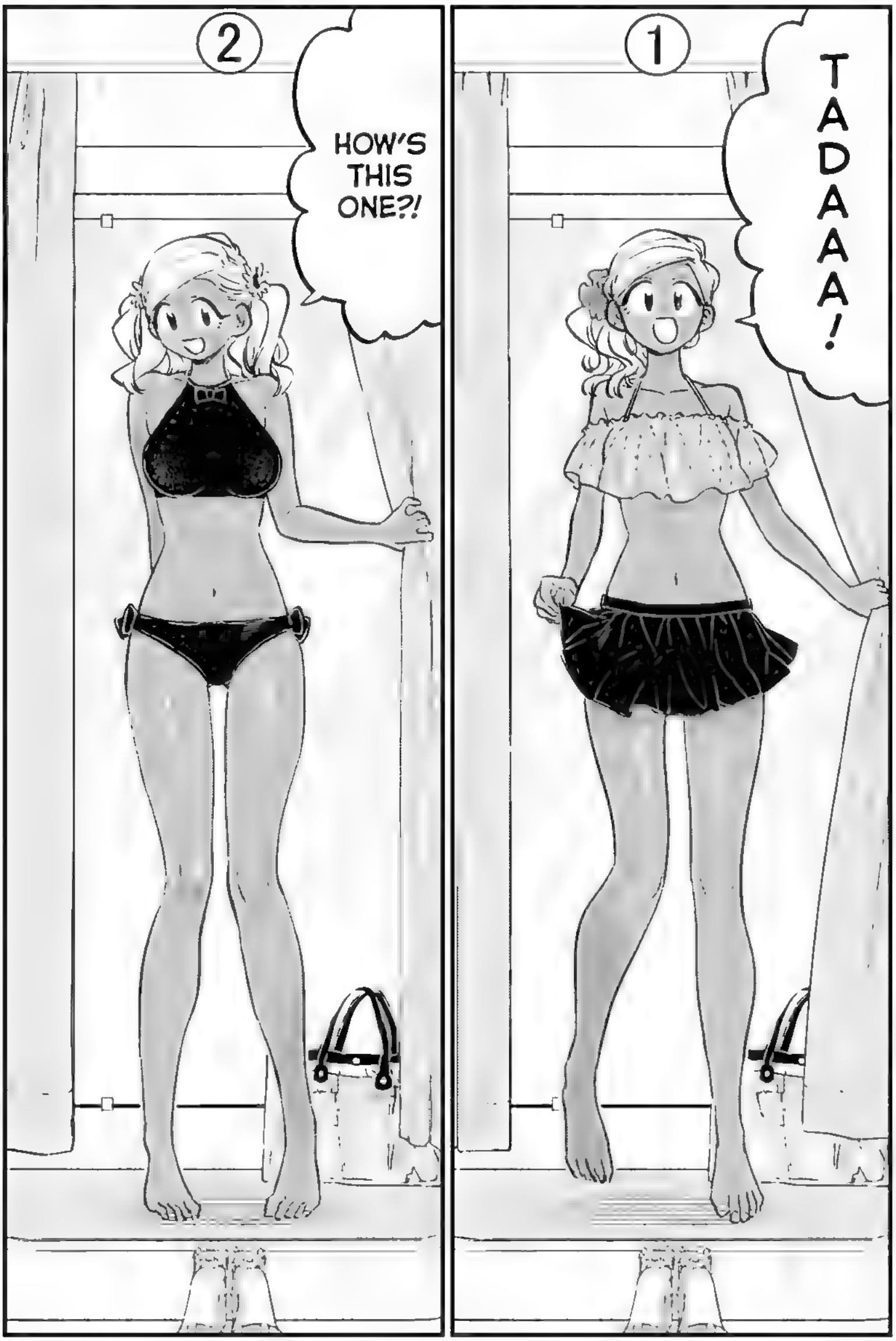
!


HUH?
HM?
WHY?
YEAH.
OH... TH- THANK YOU.
...

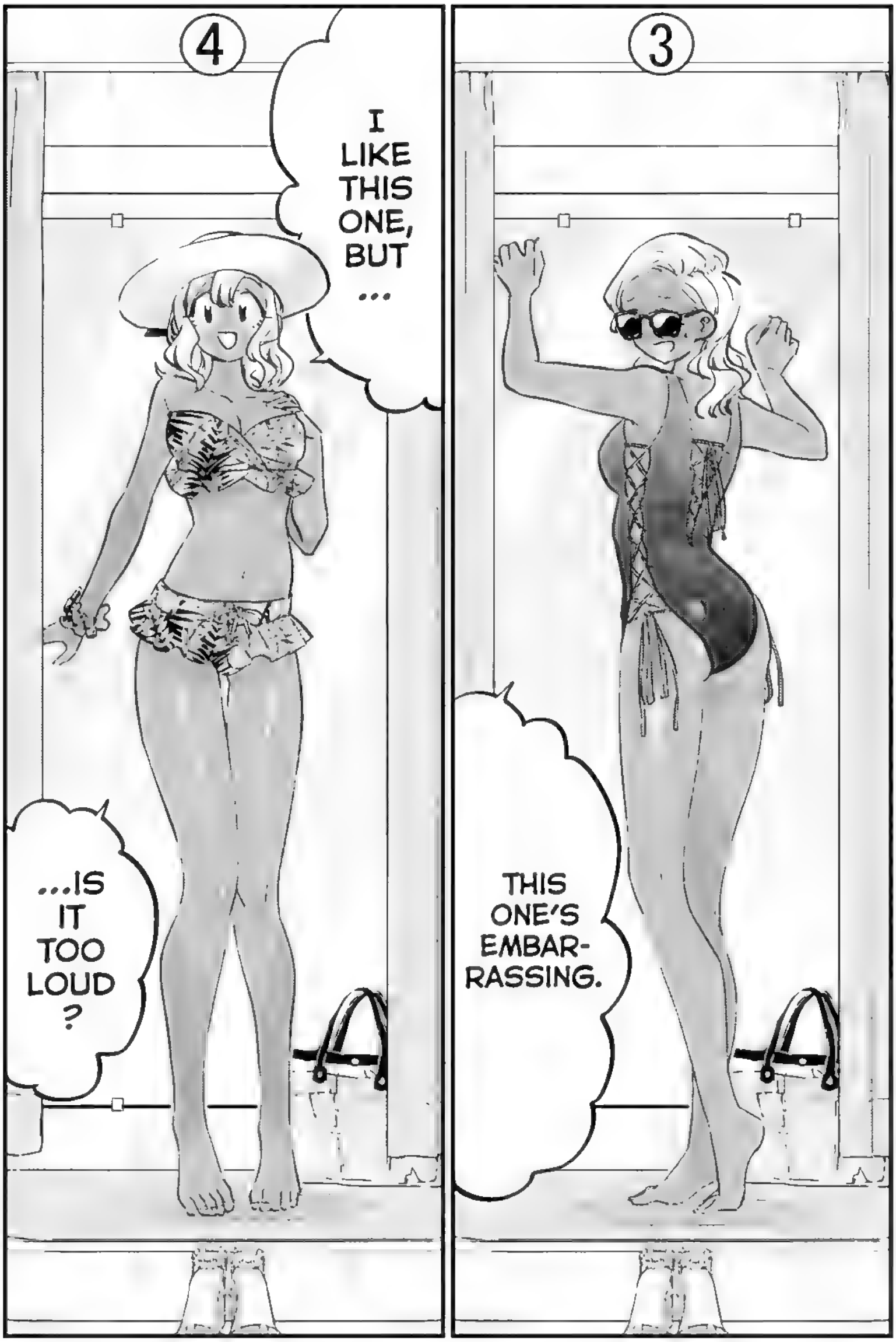
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT ?!
...TOO SMALL.
...UM ...
MINE FROM LAST YEAR IS...
!!
...WANNA GO BUY SWIMSUITS?
ANYWAY! WHEN WE MEET TO MAKE PLANS...


YES.

Komi Can't Communicate



Communication 163: Swimsuit Shopping

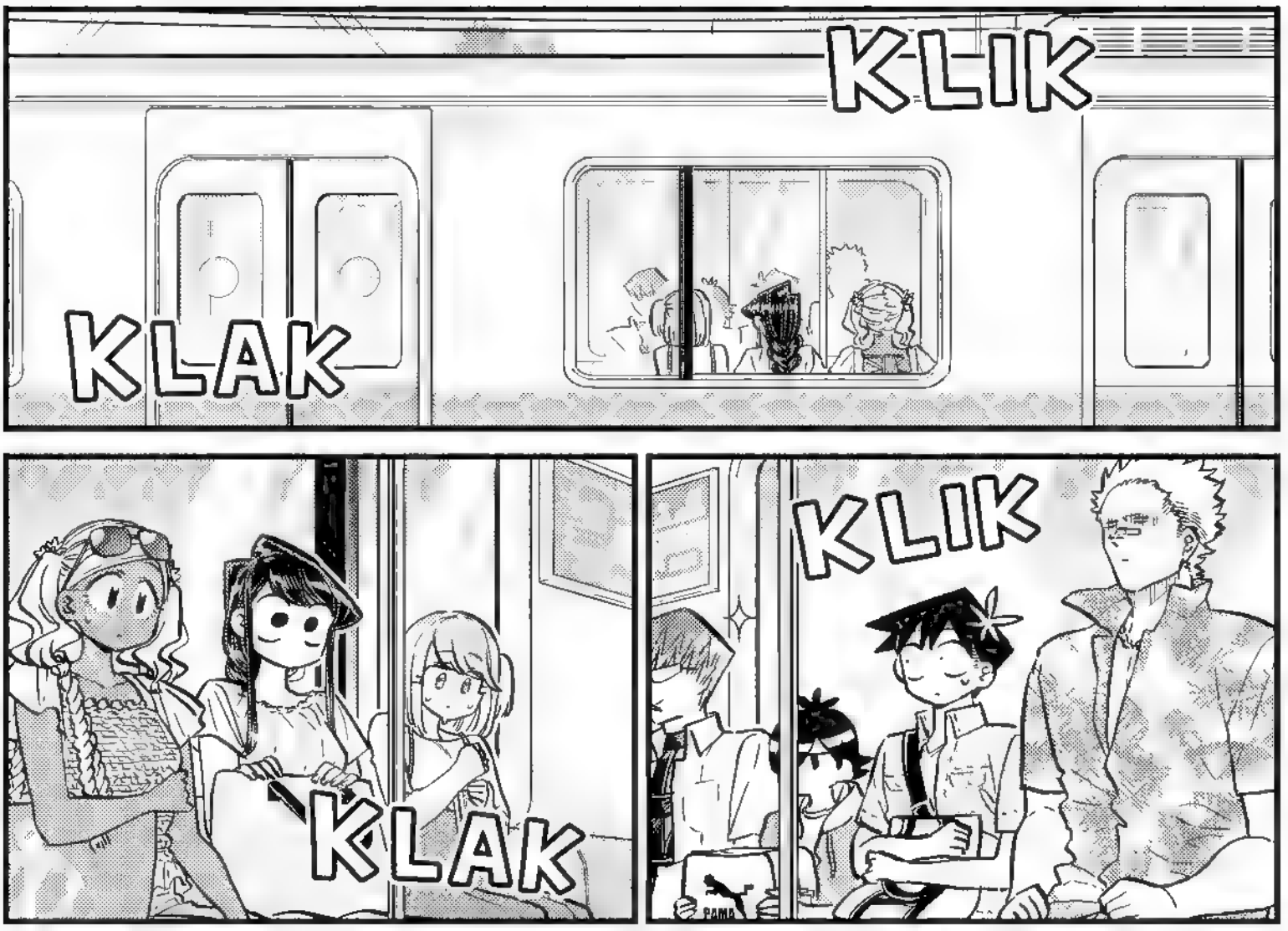

4
I LIKE THIS ONE, BUT ...
...IS IT TOO LOUD ?
3
THIS ONE'S EMBAR-RASSING.

Communication 163 — The End

RUFFLE
Got them from Najimi from last year
Isn't that a lot to carry?

Komi Can't Communicate

Komi Can't Communicate



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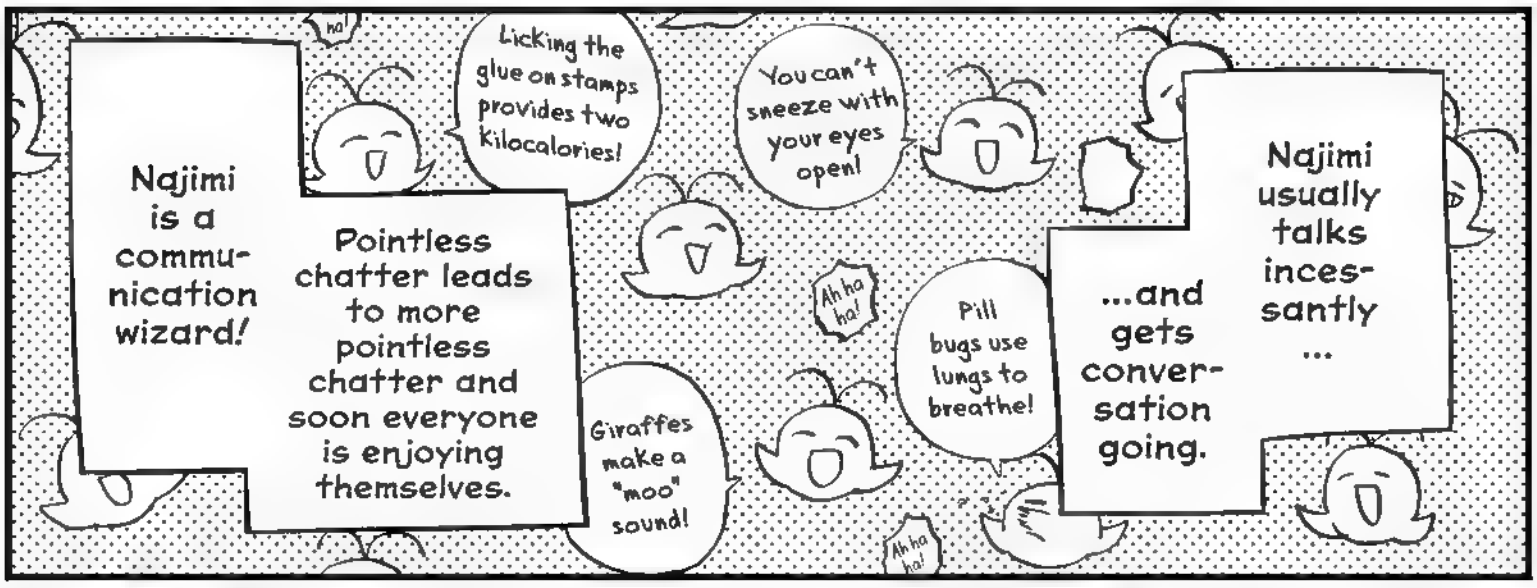
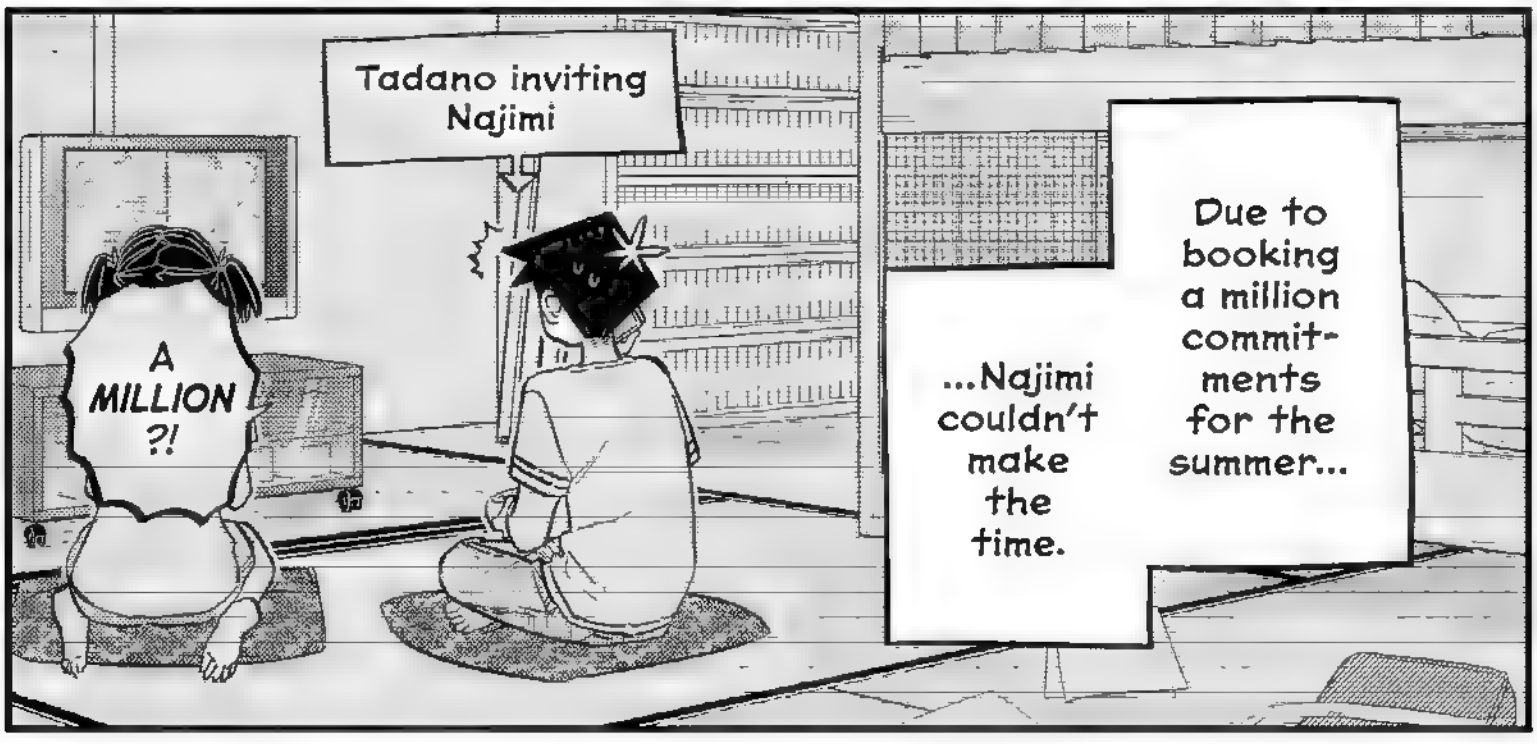
Communication 164: The Ocean!

There's a Najimi shortage!!


Najimi is a communication wizard!
Pointless chatter leads to more pointless chatter and soon everyone is enjoying themselves.
Licking the glue on stamps provides two kilocalories!
You can't sneeze with your eyes open!
Giraffes make a "moo" sound!
Ah ha ha!
Pill bugs use lungs to breathe!
Ah ha ha!
...and gets conversation going.
Najimi usually talks incessantly ...



*Dead calm: no wind or waves at all.

Like at sea!!

So now they're experi-encing ...

...a *dead calm.*

KLAK

KLIK

Dead calm!!

...but their unease is over-powering!!

They all have the desire to say some-thing...

Tadano broaches a topic of discussion!

IT WAS REALLY GOOD!

UM, I JUST SAW THAT MOVIE EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT! IT'S CALLED *STOP THE CAMERA!*

...so his effort falls flat!!

?!

OH ...

But no one has seen that movie...

KLIK

KLAK

OKAY.

...I RECOM-MEND IT.

WELL, UM...

?!

They're all under pressure, but the two organizers...

...are feeling it twice as much!

BWAAAAH

This is the 17th time she's said this.

She's the type to discuss weather in a pinch!!

...IT SURE IS HOT !!

UM...

Everyone else is the same...

NOD NOD NOD NOD NOD NOD NOD NOD NOD NOD NOD

BOBBLE BOBBLE BOBBLE

WE'RE A HARMONIOUS BUNCH...

...so they all agree !!!!

...SHALL WE PLAY *WORD CHAINS?*

UM...

WORD CHAINS.

Word chains ...

...is a word game for kids.

It's the kind of game that high school students preparing for university would...

...never play.

SUPER.

SHE'S ALREADY STARTED !!

And so it begins!

*Yoko-hama.

NOC-TURNAL.

Rabbit.

A... ATHLET-ICS!

LULLABY.

TRAIN STATION.

S...S... STRAW-BERRY!

SLEIPNIR.

TRIL-LIUM.

SAP-PHIRE.

*Ridic-ulous.

MER-CEDES.

Ele-phant.

Y AGAIN?!

NON-NEWTONIAN FLUID DYNAMICS.

SOY SAUCE.

Y...Y... YOUNG-STER!

*Sappy.

ELEVA-TION.

Rhinoc-eros.

UM... YODEL!

*Leop-ard.

RARELY HAS THE WORLD SEEN SUCH BEAUTY! ☆

AVO-CADO.

Who's that?

L... LOPEZ!

WE'RE STILL GOING!

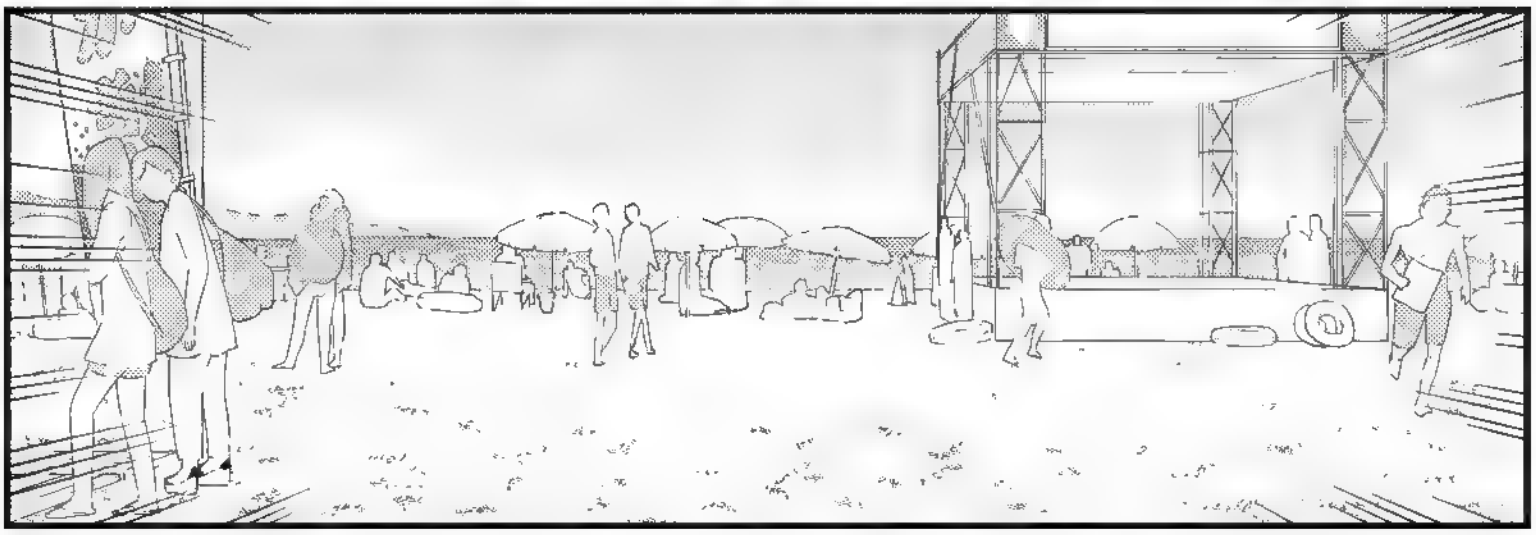
YOU ARE UNREAL.

OCTOBER.

Zebra.

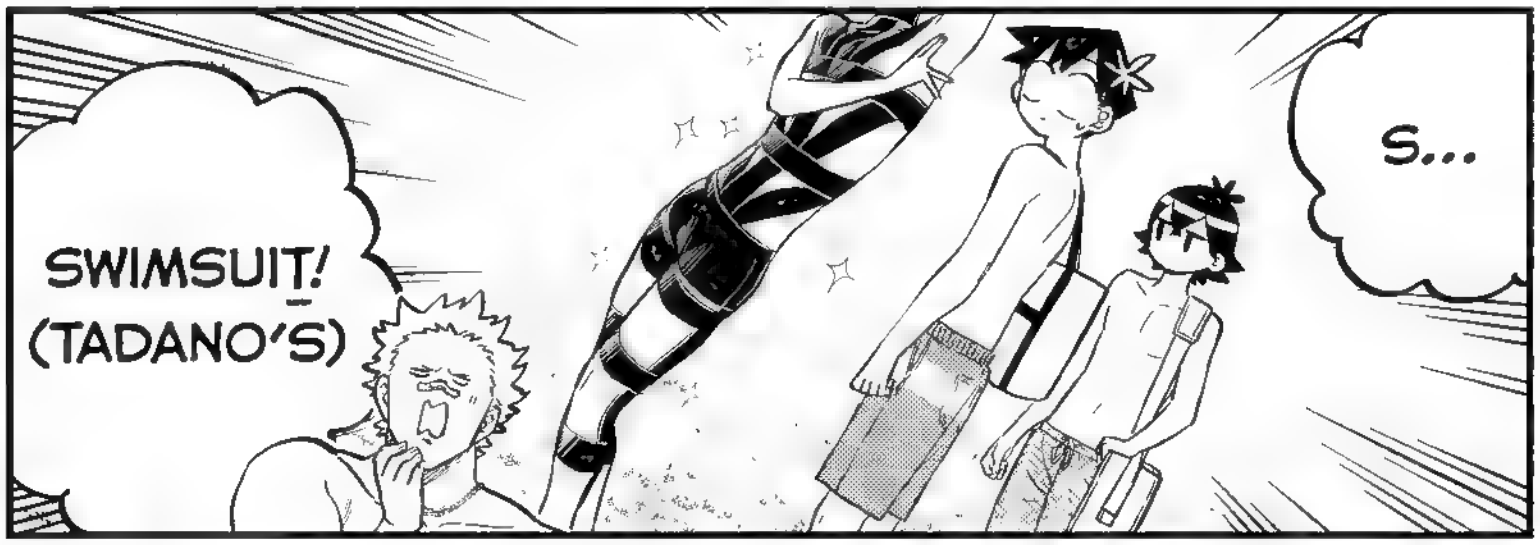
O...
O...
DAIMYO.

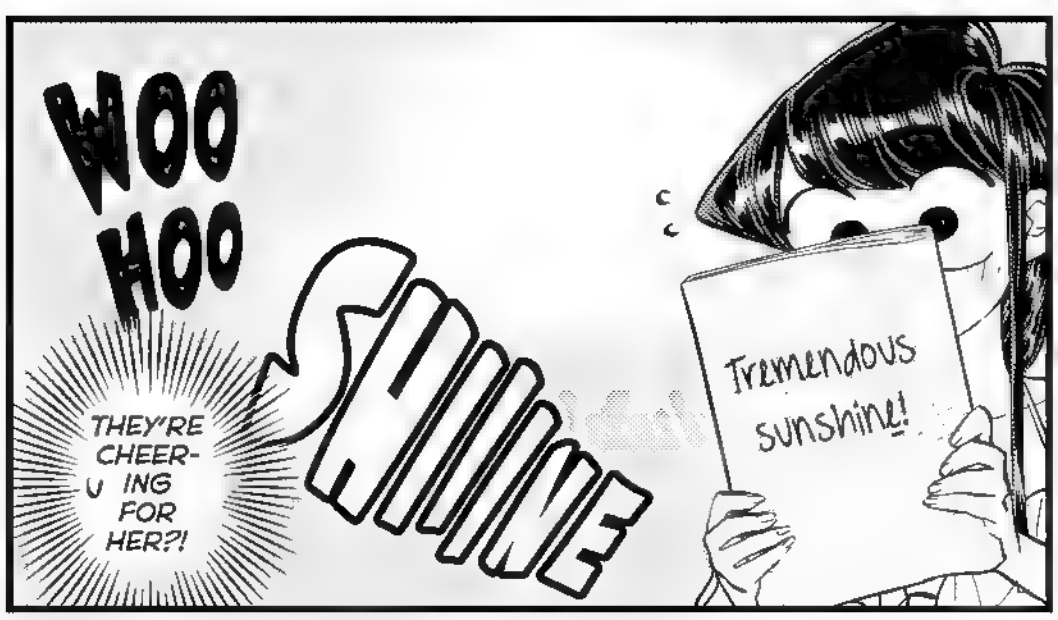
OCEAN!



WHOOOOSH
ARE WE STILL PLAYING ?!
OI, NO RUNNING!
NOW LET'S GO!

SHEEN
GREAT WEATH-ER!
R-RADIANT WAVES!
GLEAM GLEAM
GLEEEEEAM


SWIMSUIT! (TADANO'S)
S...


WOO HOO
SHINE
THEY'RE CHEER-ING FOR HER?!
Tremendous sunshine!

T...
T...
Um...

*Good job.

THAT'S AMAZING!

EVERY-ONE, I INFLATED MY FLOAT!

WHOOOOOOSH

BET I BEAT YOU THERE!

THIS WILL BE FUN.

!

EVERY-THING WAS AWKWARD AT FIRST, BUT NOW WE'RE FINE.

!

I JUST STARTED WITH "E" COINCI-DENTALLY.

UM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP PLAYING.

"Nods in agree-ment."

THANK YOU FOR INVITING US TODAY.

?

SOMETIMES IT'S DIFFICULT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS TO HANG OUT TOGETHER.

"Well ..."

"...actu-ally..."

"...we're always together."

...

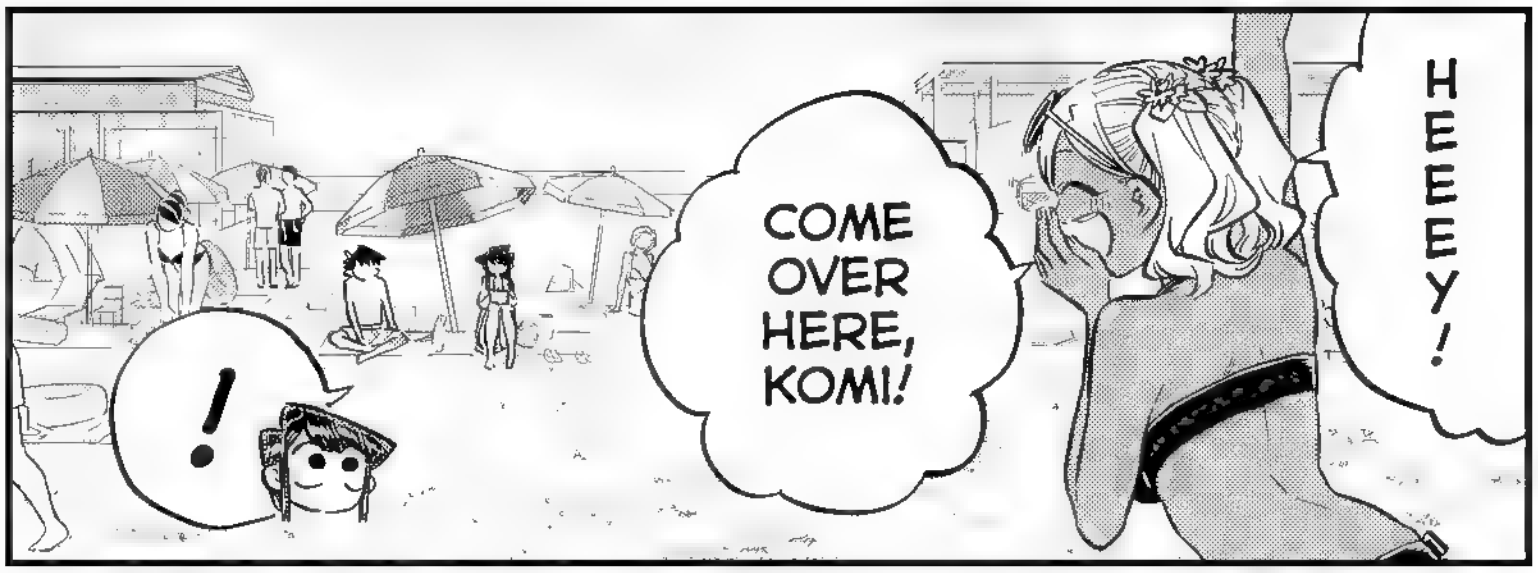
...

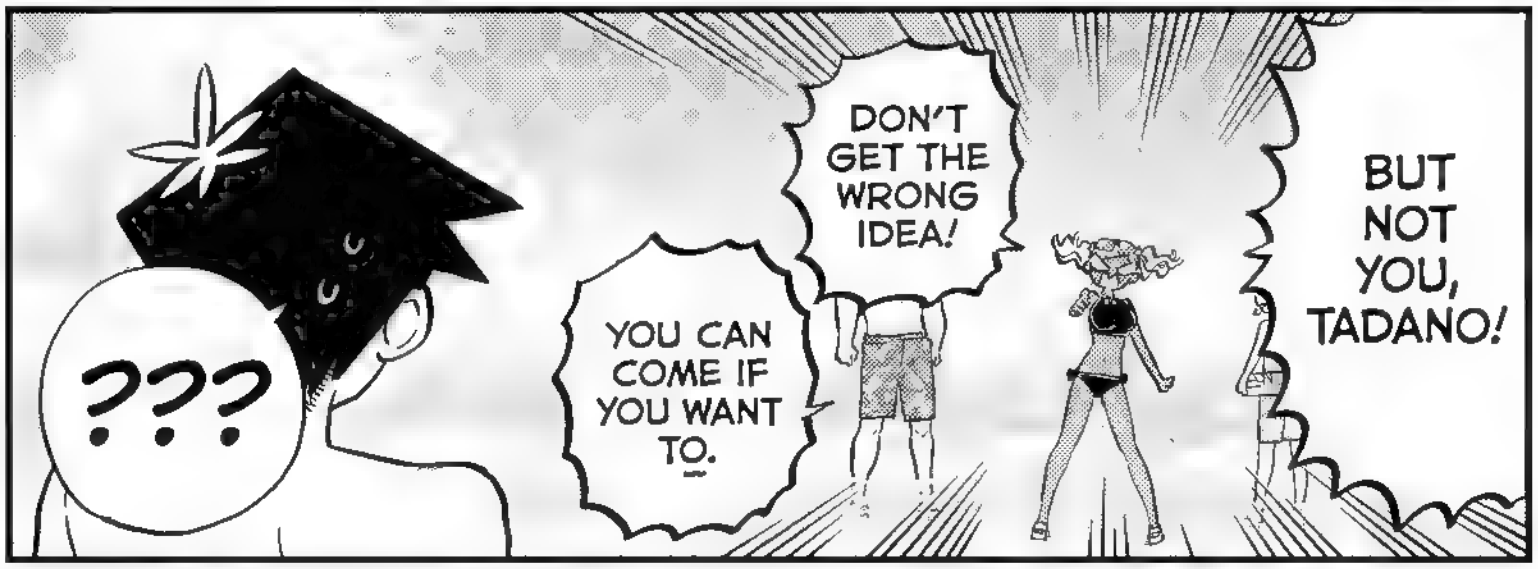
"Anyway, Manbagi said she wanted to invite boys."

FWUP

OH, R-REALLY?

...A NICE GIRL.
RUMIKO IS...
...VERY.
YES...


!
COME OVER HERE, KOMI!
HEEEY!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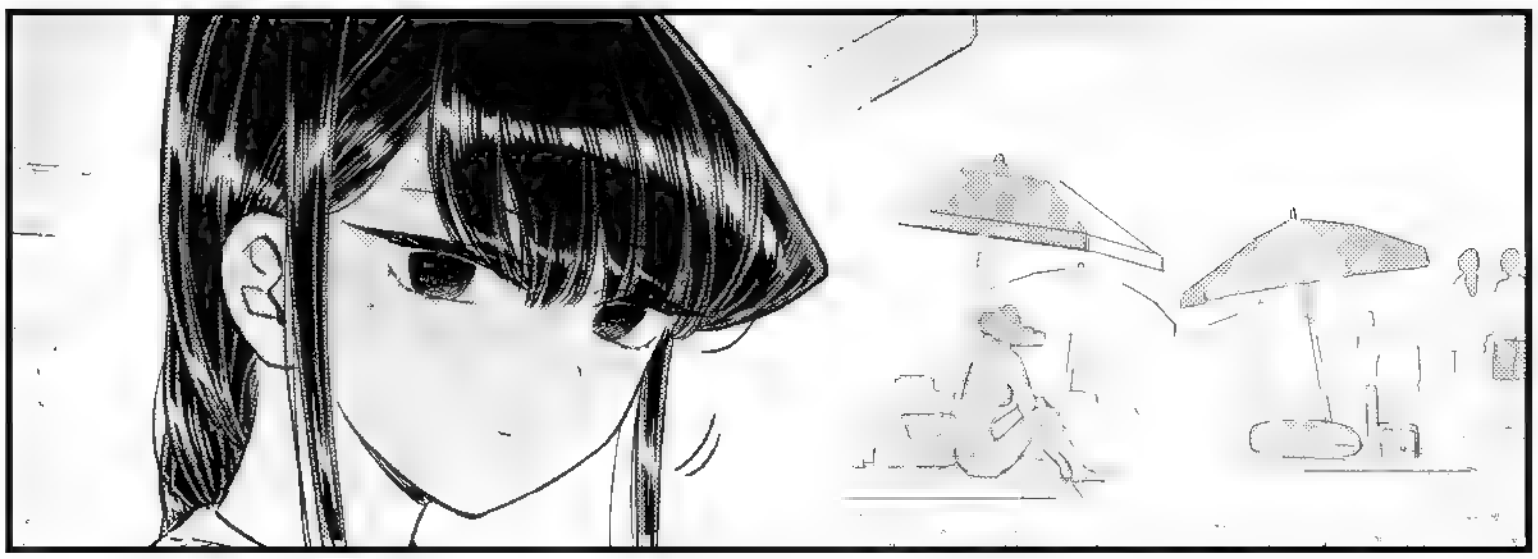
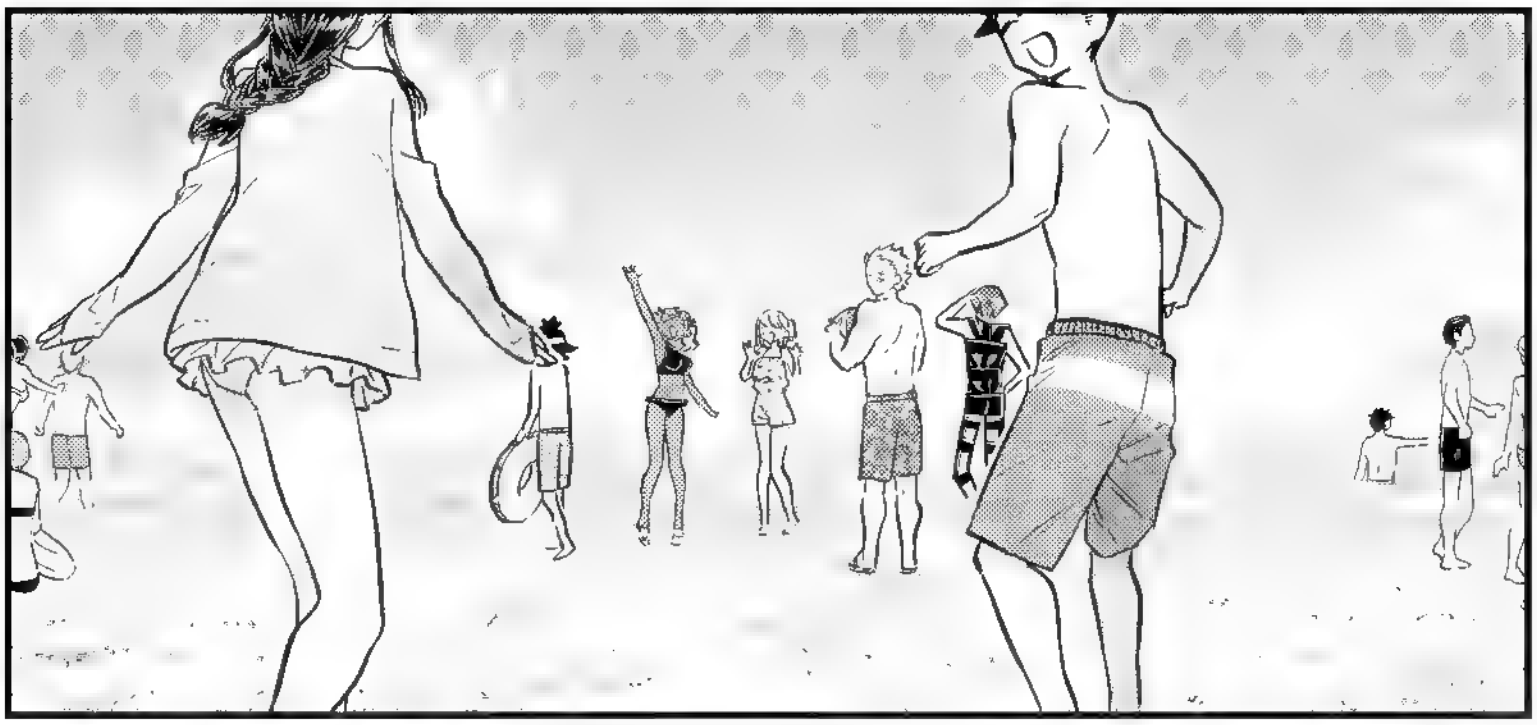
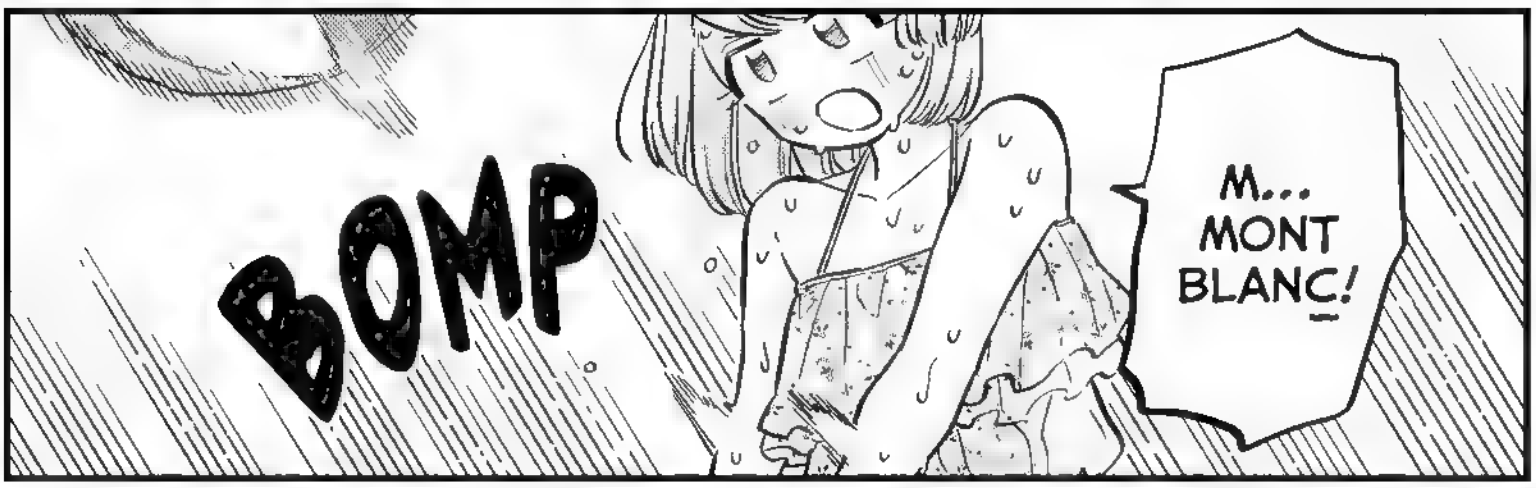
YOU CAN COME IF YOU WANT TO.
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!
BUT NOT YOU, TADANO!

SHALL WE GO?





OR-
PHEUM!
JUMP JUMP JUMP JUMP JUMP


BOMP
M...
MONT
BLANC!

*Crusta-
cean.
BD
AM

THEY'RE STILL PLAYING!

BOMP

NOW WE'RE PLAYING BEACH VOLLEY-BALL!

LOSER HAS TO BUY EVERYONE RAMUNE!

E...

EGG!

HUH?

I'M NEXT?

BOMP

WHAT THE?!

*Giant moa.

BOMP

GIANT MOA.

!

!!

?!

BOMP

SHE'S SWEATING BUCKETS !!

BWOOOMP

SLOOOOOOSH

A...ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES ME A DULL GIRL!

PERFECT FOR RUMIKO!!

BOMP

LUM!

BOMP

SCARY!

MURDER.

R...

R...

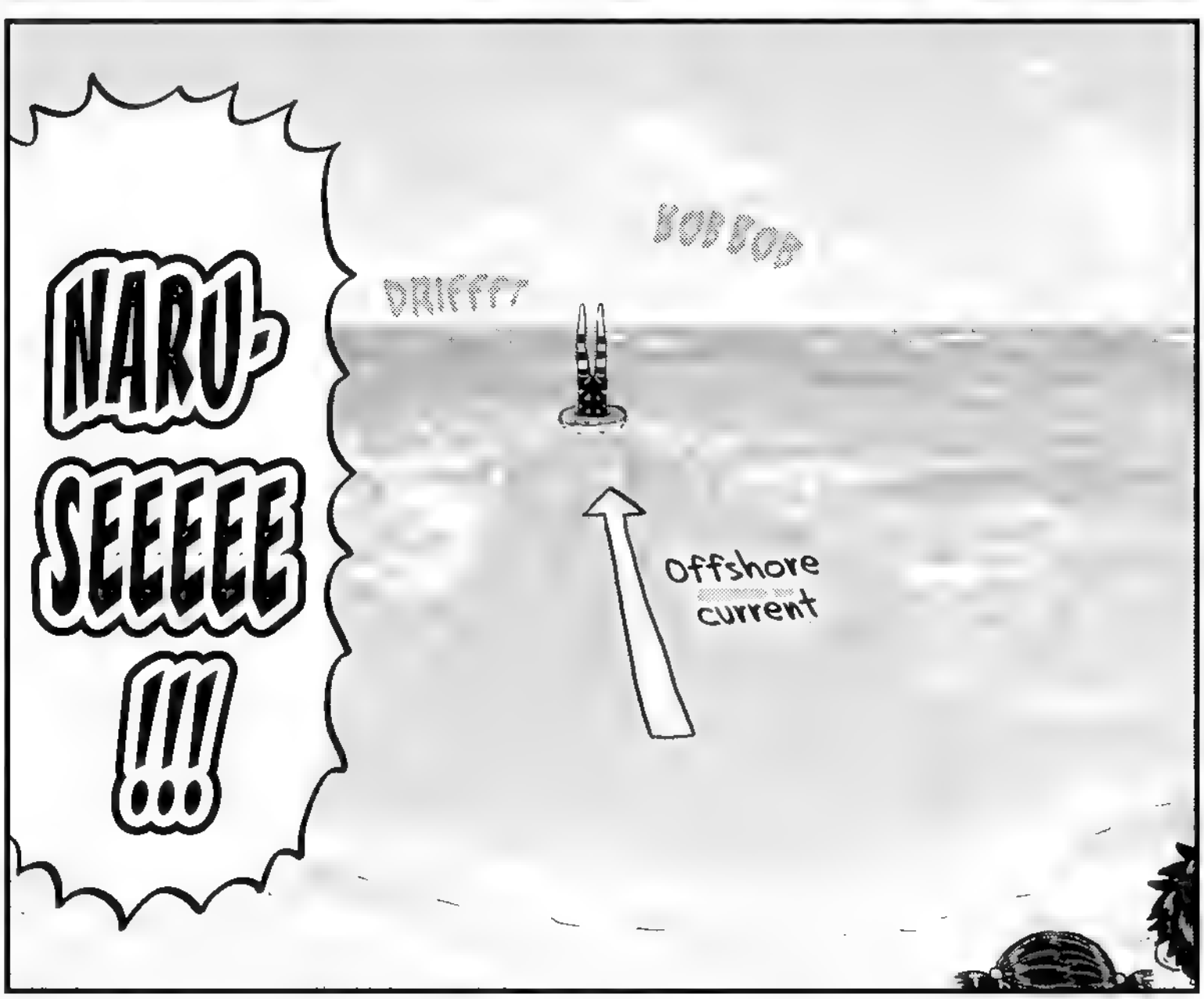
HEH!

ME, HUH?

BA BLOMP

WHAT A KLUTZ!!

RAGNA-ROK.



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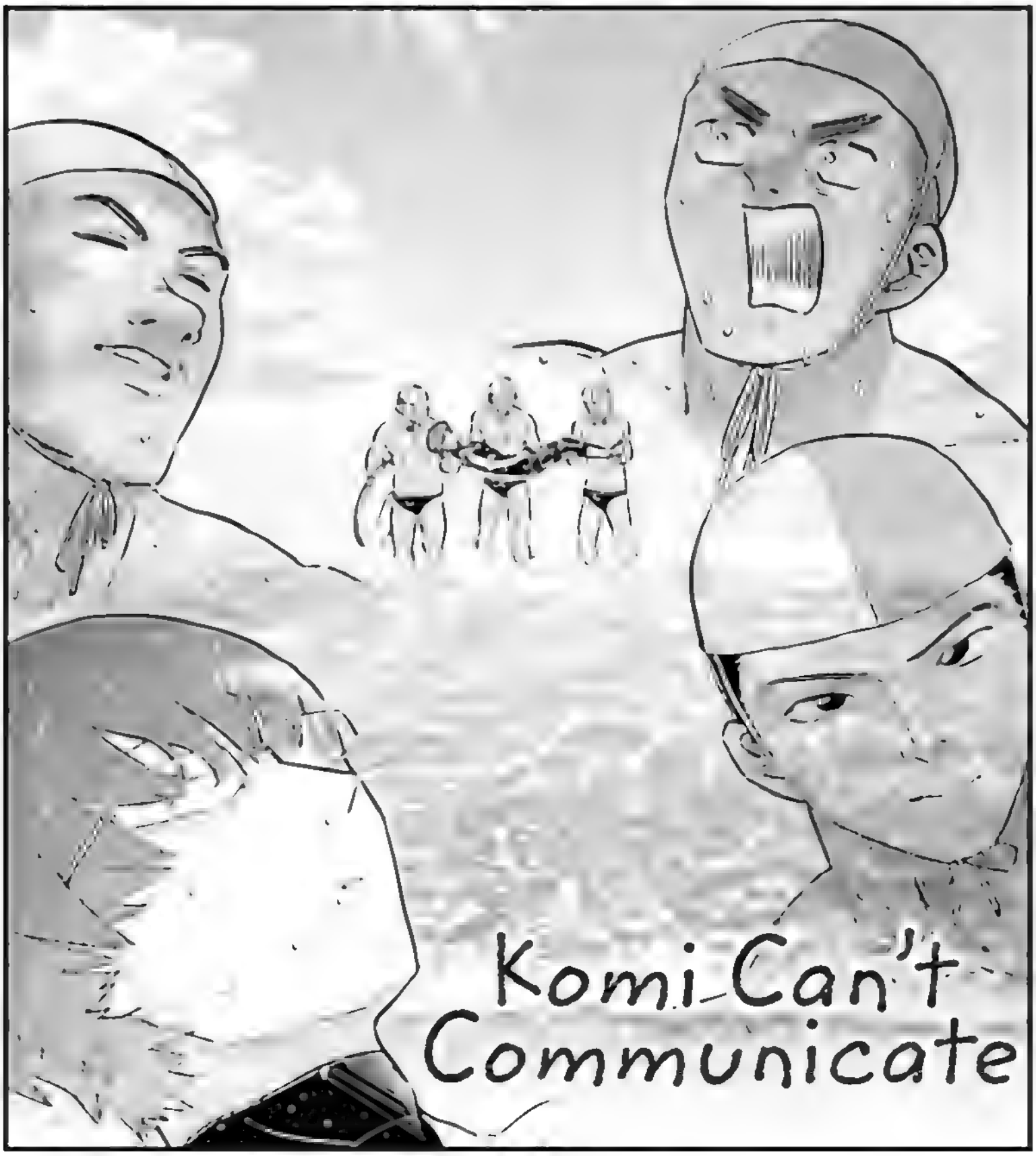
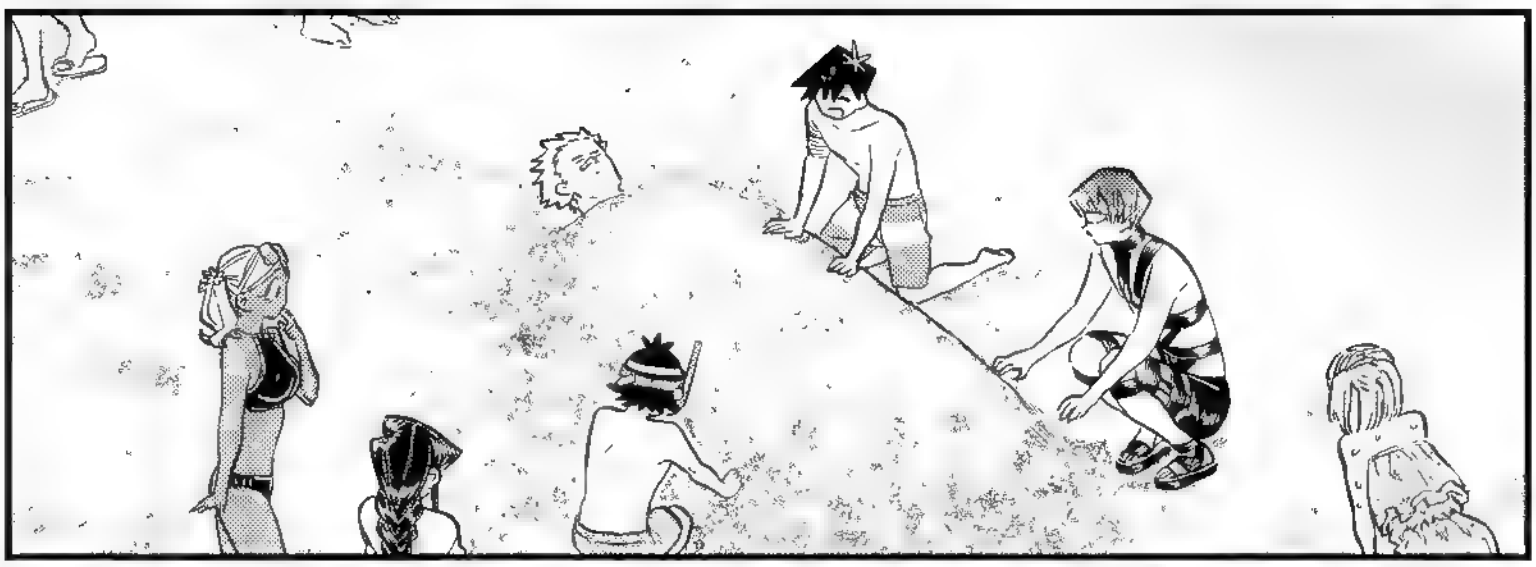


Communication 165: My Boyfriend



CH-CHEER UP, NARUSE!
GLOOM
...

Scary!
?!
Manbagi's sun-glasses

UH...
Tadano and Komi are getting uneasy as pairs start to form up.

SHALL I GO BUY DRINKS?

!

I GOTTA USE THE REST-ROOM!

!

WATCH OUR STUFF.

I'LL GET A SNACK TO CHEER YOU UP.

!

...watchful eyes are upon them!

As they go their separate ways...

TA DA DA DA DA

...the Golden Skulls (subject to change)!

The eyes of those known as...

DUMMMMMMMMMM

...to pick up girls!!

The Golden Skulls have come to the beach...

...in this very moment!

PLAYA TIPS

Each member has spared no effort in training to perform his best this summer at this beach...

...and their success rate has climbed to...

They arrived at 6 a.m....

They're total noobs!!

They haven't even tried yet!

...zero per-cent!!

THEY'RE NOTICEABLE BUT IMMOBILE...

This is the result of their training !!
THEY TRAINED FOR THIS?!
Guessed it all
The Go-Skulls (abbreviated) have been sitting here for nine hours without even a potty break !
The current time is 3 p.m.!
But they remain alert.
Can they do it...
...or not ?!
CHATTER
CHATTER
They eye the girls like jackals!
They simply lack...
...the courage!!
They can't!!

Having shared these nine hours of silence, they are now of one mind!

Their beach muse is the girl in the white swimsuit with black hair!!!

KOMI ?!

Every time she passes by, the hearts of the Go-Skulls pound!

BABWUMP

Relieved

PHEW

But she is too lofty for them!

But another girl catches their attention!

ASE ?!

Because she's soaking wet!!

FWIP

ARE THEY LOOKING FOR REASONS TO GIVE UP?!

She's simply too wet for them!

Yet another girl catches their attention!

MANBAGI ?!

The girl with a dark tan and bleached hair!

"This just might work!"

And she looks like she might be game, so they think...

She's got a cute face!

And bountiful curves!

YOU GUYS ARE NOISY!

YOU ALWAYS BACK OUT!

C'MON! SHOW US YOUR GAME!

IDIOT! YOU'RE BETTER AT THIS!

NO, YOU!

GO, DAWG!

SWIP
OKAY, I'LL GO.
HUH? I'LL GO!
I'LL GO.
UM, THEN I'LL GO!
NO FAIR. I'LL GO.

?!
OKAY, YOU GO.
SASASASASMACK
WHAT'S WITH THEM?!
WHAT THE HECK ?!

HUH?

UM, HI.

HEY, THERE!

Playa Tip 1

Praise the girl's appearance.

Playa Tip 2

Be confident and take the conversation slow.

what beady eyes!

SWIK

I DIG YOUR TAN.

THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?

Playa Tip 3

If she has been there before, talk about local topics. If it's her first time, portray your encounter as a miracle.

OH! THEN YOU'RE FROM AROUND HERE?!

What junior high?

UM... NO, IT'S NOT.

Playa Tip 4

The combination of a ***double bind*** and a ***door-in-the-face*** should be good for his technical score!

IS THIS A SPORT ?!

IS EXCHANGING NUMBERS TOO MUCH? THEN SNS IT IS!

WANNA EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS? OR HOOK UP VIA SNS?

Playa Tip 5

Some girls will shut you down, bro!!

NO, I'M WITH FRIENDS. SO I'M GOOD.

Playa Tip 6

That's illegal contact! There's a flag on the field!

Playa Tip 7

And he fumbles the ball!

NOW IT'S A PLAY-BY-PLAY?!

GRAB

NO, WAIT! YOU GOT A BOY-FRIEND?! WELL?! DO YA?!

Playa Tip 8

No, no, no... Mates rallying to your aid will only cause her to pull away more.

HEY, TETSUFUMI. IS THAT YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?

L-LET GO OF ME.

HUH?

UM...

!!

OH, HERE YOU ARE! LET'S GO JOIN THE OTHERS!

URGH URGH

IF NOT, THEN GET LOST!

SURELY NOT!

HUH?! ARE YOU HER BOY-FRIEND?!

PLEASE, LET GO OF HER.

YES, I'M HER BOY-FRIEND.

!!

S...SERI-OUSLY?

NOD

IS IT SO HARD TO BELIEVE?!

IS HE REALLY ?!

Eep

Y...

YES, HE'S MY BOY-FRIEND!

PAR-DON US!!!

KRIK

KRAK

Auditory hallucination

Came to see what was happening

THANKS, KATAI.

TRRRRREMMMMMMMBLE

?!

Wondering if Tadano is really Manbagi's boyfriend

NOBODY GET THE WRONG IDEA!
Simultaneous
!
I D-DID IT TO HELP YOU!
T-TADANO JUST BLURTED THAT OUT!

小田電
sokyu
UWA AAH!

Every-one feels the same.
HUGGG
NOD NOD
I'M GONNA MISS YOU SO MUCH!
I DON'T WANT TODAY TO END!
小田電
sokyu

Communication 165 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 166: Mom and Dad at the Beach

VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM

A MOTOR-CYCLE ?!

Komi's father
Masayoshi Komi (18)

...

TH-THAT'S STYLISH!!

THAT'S A VOLTINE!

HUH?

HUH ?!

YOU CAN RIDE THAT?!

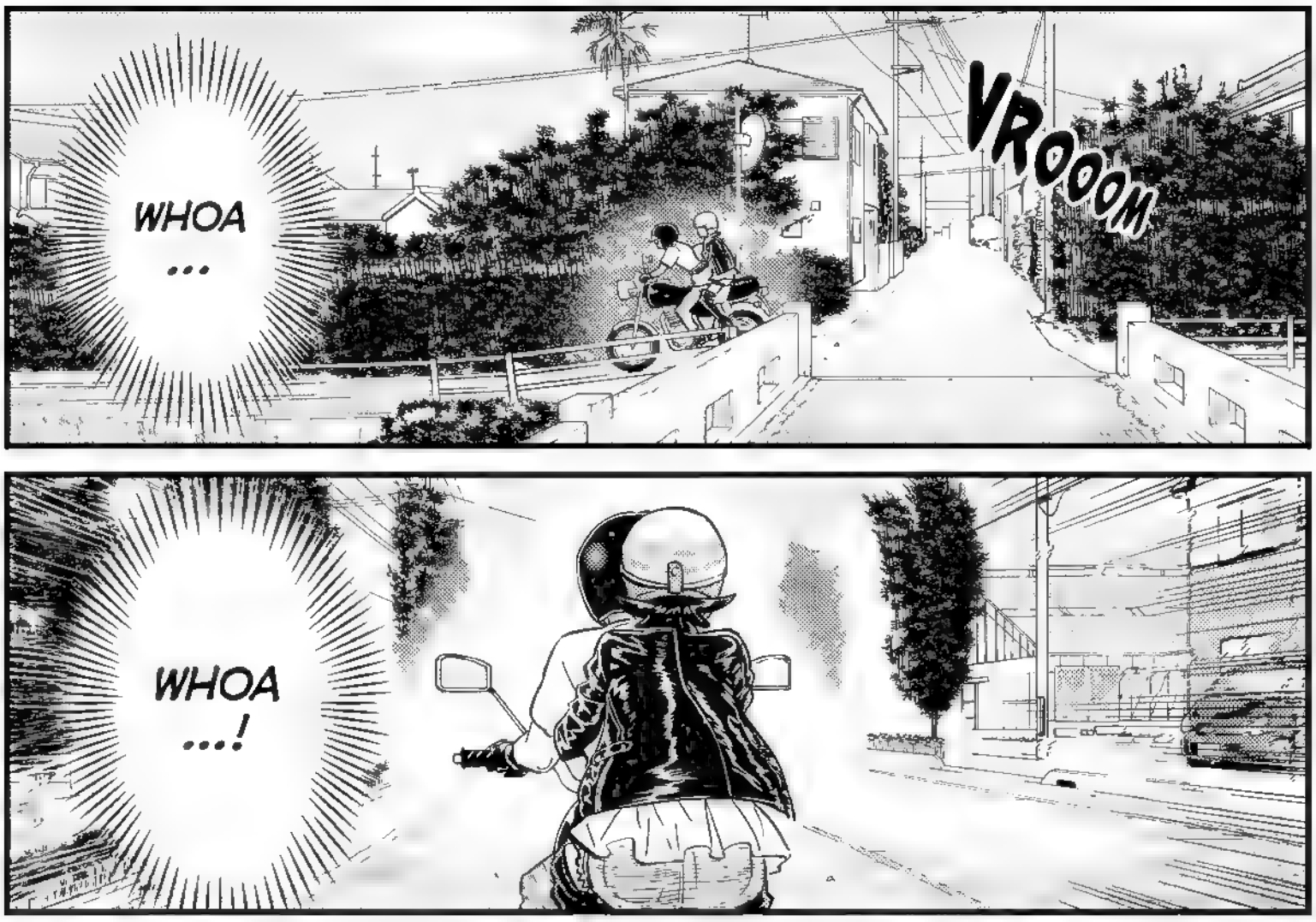
VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM VRUM

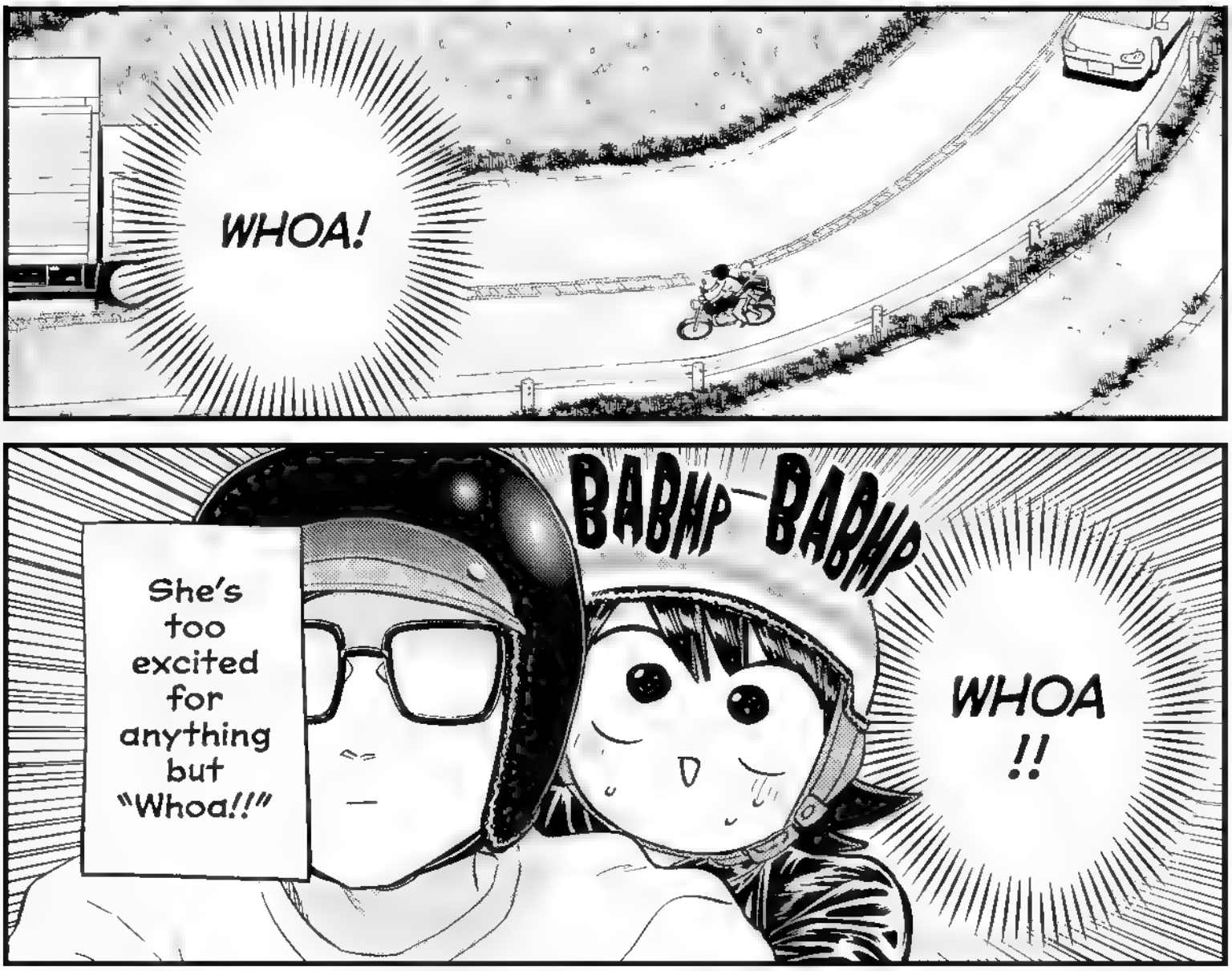
OH, UH... OKAY.

PAT PAT

...

KEH


WHOA
...
VROOOM
WHOA
...!


WHOA!
She's too excited for anything but "Whoa!!"
BABHP BABHP
WHOA !!

YAY! THE SEA!!

STRIP

TOSS

WE'RE AT THE BEACH! LET'S DIVE IN!

TUG

HM?

TUG

TUG

C'MON, LET'S GO!

...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!

...

HA HA! I ACTUALLY SAID, "KYAH!"

KYAH! IT'S COLD!

...

MAYBE THERE ARE CLAMS!

WE CAN TAKE SOME BACK!

LOOK, MASA!

A SEA CUCUM-BER!

ARE THESE EDIBLE ?!

WOW... IMPRES-SIVE SAND-CASTLE!!

YOU INVITED ME! CAN'T YOU PAY ATTENTION TO ME?!
WHY IS HE SO FOCUSED ON THAT?!

...AND CHOSE A CUTE SWIMSUIT!
I EVEN WORE CUTE CLOTHES ...

DOESN'T HE CARE HOW I FEEL?!
URGH ARGH URGH
WORKING INTENTLY

LOOK AT *ME*, WOULD YA?!!

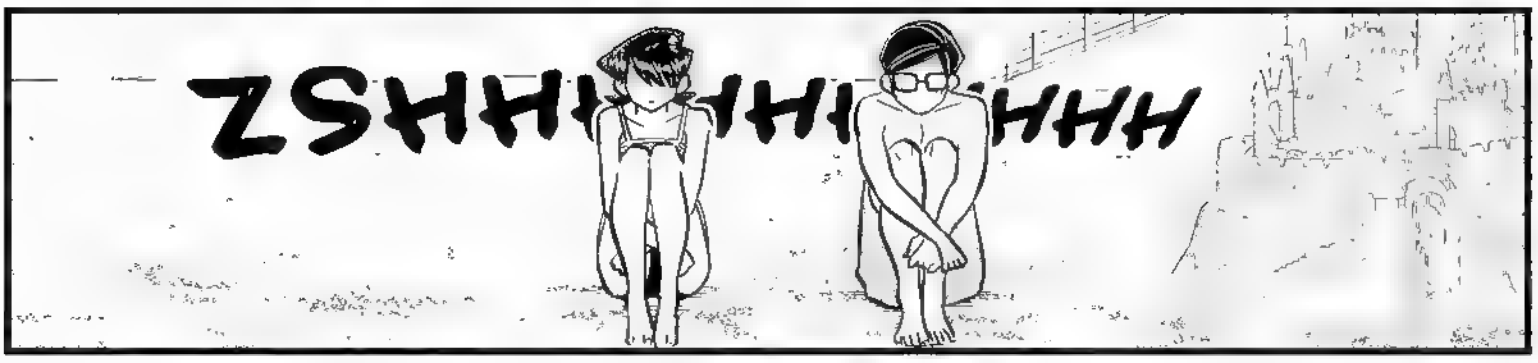
KRAK

GRAB

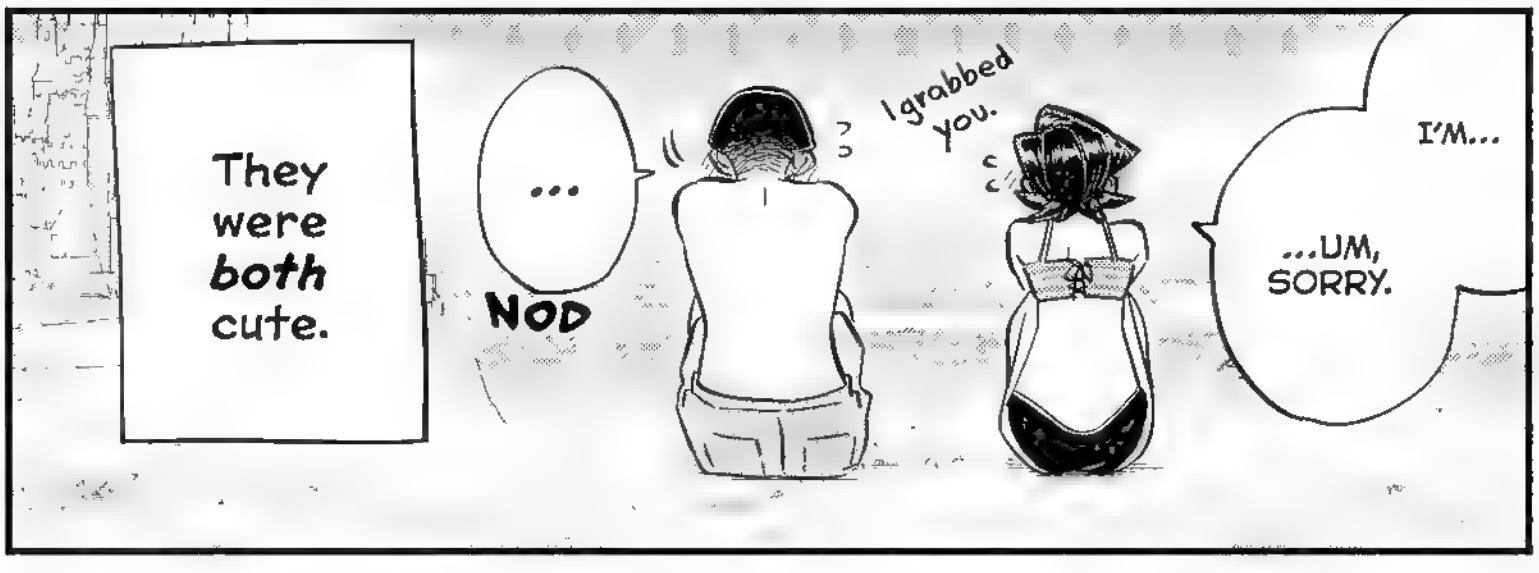
HEY, MASA!

GLANCE

Averting his gaze because she's so cute



LIKE A BALL OF CUTENESS!! THE VERY INCARNATION OF IT!! HOO-BOY, HE'S CUTE! IF HE CAN'T TELL ME THAT I LOOK CUTE, HE SHOULD'VE SAID SO! KYAAAAAH! TEE-HEE...
HE'S SO CUUU-UUTE!!



Communication 166 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 167: Radio Exercises

Chii Saiko

Rola Michisato

Shiota Shota

Itsuya Oki

YAWWWWN

WHAT IS UP WITH THEM?

HEH HEH... THANKS.

HEY, STOP THAT.

SHOTA, YOU'VE GOT SLEEP IN YOUR EYES.

SOME-ONE'S OVER THERE!!

OKAAY

LET'S BEGIN RADIO EXER-CISES!

HEY...
*That's what the neighborhood elementary school kids call Komi.
THE SILENT KILLER!
SPOSH SPOSH
SPOSH
THAT'S THE GIRL WHO HAD A SNOWBALL FIGHT WITH US!
POINK
TRMBL TRMBL
WHO'S HER TARGET TODAY?!
JITTER JITTER JITTER
SHE'S A SILENT BUT DEADLY ASSASSIN.
WELL, SHE IS STARING AT ME!!
Wants to talk to them (but can't)
STAAAAARE
GASP
IS IT ME?!

BUT I WANT TO EARN A PIECE OF CANDY!

I N-NEED TO RUN!

TH-THIS IS NO TIME FOR RADIO EXER-CISES!!

SH...

SHE'S WARMING UP!!

Stretch-ing arms and legs

FWUP

FWUP

GYAAAH!! SHE'S MOVING!!

Lateral bending

HWIP

HWIP

GYAAAH!!

Avoiding a cicada

CHRRR

GYAAAH!!

OKAY, ALL DONE! COLLECT YOUR STAMPS!
GASP
!!
HUH? SHE VANISHED!
GONE
ALREADY
GAH

She didn't get her stamp.
??
SNEEAK
GYAAAH!! SHE'S HERE AGAIN!
DADOOM
The next day

GYAAAH!

DADOOM

The next day

S

WHASSUP, S-KILLER?

He got used to her.

DADOOM

One week later

GYAAAH!!
SH-SHE'S ON THE MOVE!!

SWIP

Komi makes a move!

HWIP

GYAAAH!!

FWOOSH

GYAAAH?!

GYAAAH!

LET'S BEGIN RADIO EXER-CISES!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

Wants to talk, but she's hesitating

Swinging arms

Bending back-ward

Jumping jacks

Not get-ting a stamp
SNEEAK
OKAY, ALL DONE! COLLECT YOUR STAMPS!
GET A STAMP, S-KILLER!
SHE'S BEEN HERE EVERY DAY BEHIND THE TREE, SO GIVE HER LOTS OF STAMPS!
!
Won-dering what "S-Killer" means
WAIT, S-KILLER!

Communication 167 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Bye-Bye

NO PROBLEM. TAKE CARE.

THANKS FOR DOING THIS.

...

!

THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, SHOKO!

SHE'S IN HER SECOND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Got caught peek-ing

SHOKO! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!

SHE'S IN HER SECOND YEAR OF ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL.

THIS IS REI NATSUKIDO.

Communication 168: Hot Milk

REI'S PARENTS TRAVEL INTERNA-TIONALLY FOR WORK.

REI'S MOTHER AND I WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER.

SHOW HER A GOOD TIME, SHOKO.

!

SO SHE'S GOING TO STAY HERE A BIT.

Doesn't know what to say to Rei

GWOOOOO

...

!?

FWP

THAT ISN'T NECES-SARY.

THIS WILL BE YOUR ROOM, REI.

Thinks she did some-thing wrong

SHOCK

!!

?!

*She means herself.

WANNA SLEEP WITH THE YOUNG LADY?*

OTHER-WISE, YOU MIGHT GET LONELY!

SO MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!

UM...

I JUST NEED MEALS AND A PLACE TO SLEEP. THANK YOU.

DON'T MIND ME. I'LL KEEP QUIET IN HERE.

PAT PAT PAT PAT PAT PAT PAT PAT PAT

?!

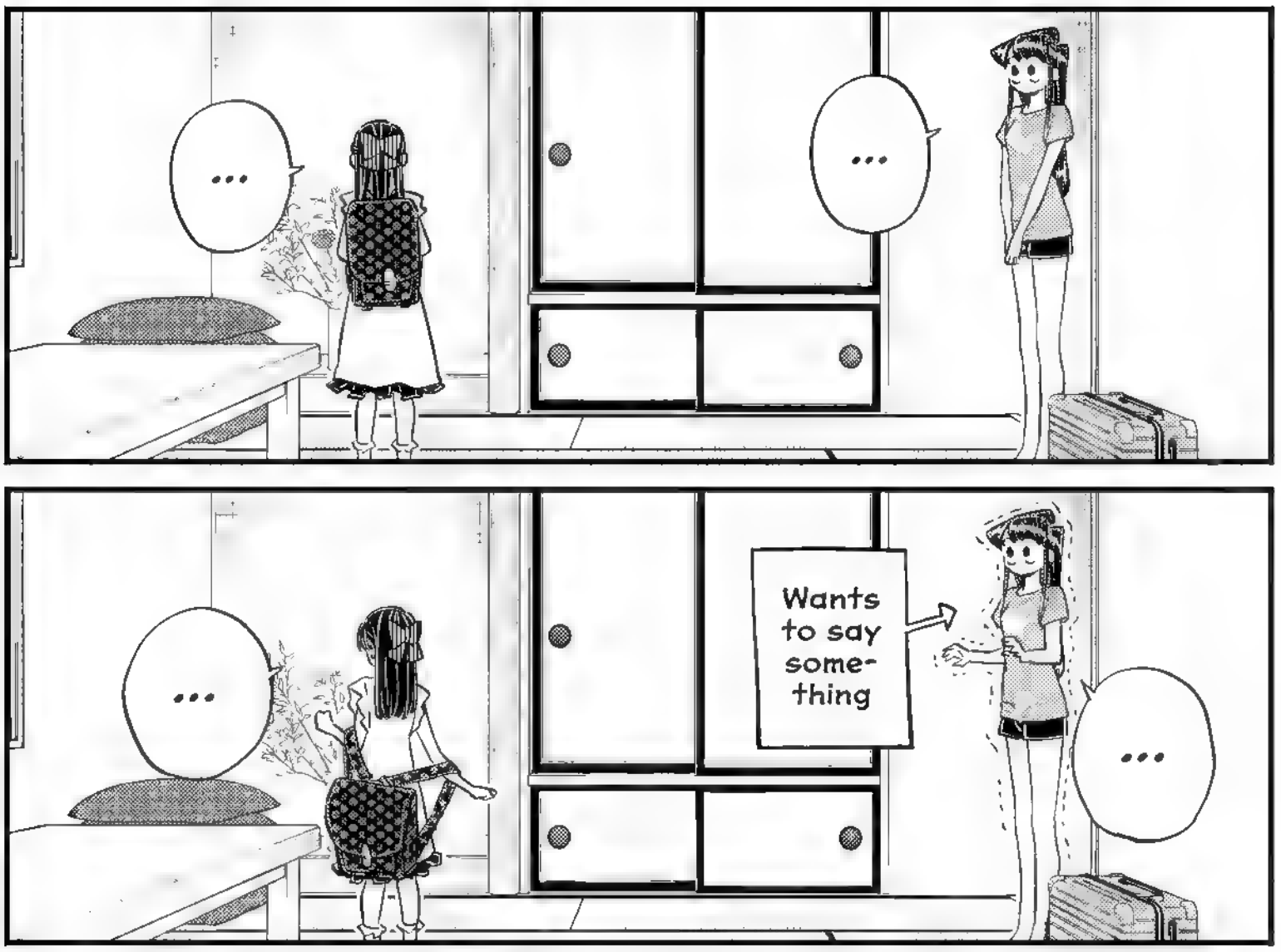
YOU TURNED ME DOWN! HOW CUTE!

...

I'LL USE ALL MY COOKING SKILL!!

DO YOU LIKE HAM-BURGER STEAK?

WHOOOSH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Wants to say some-thing
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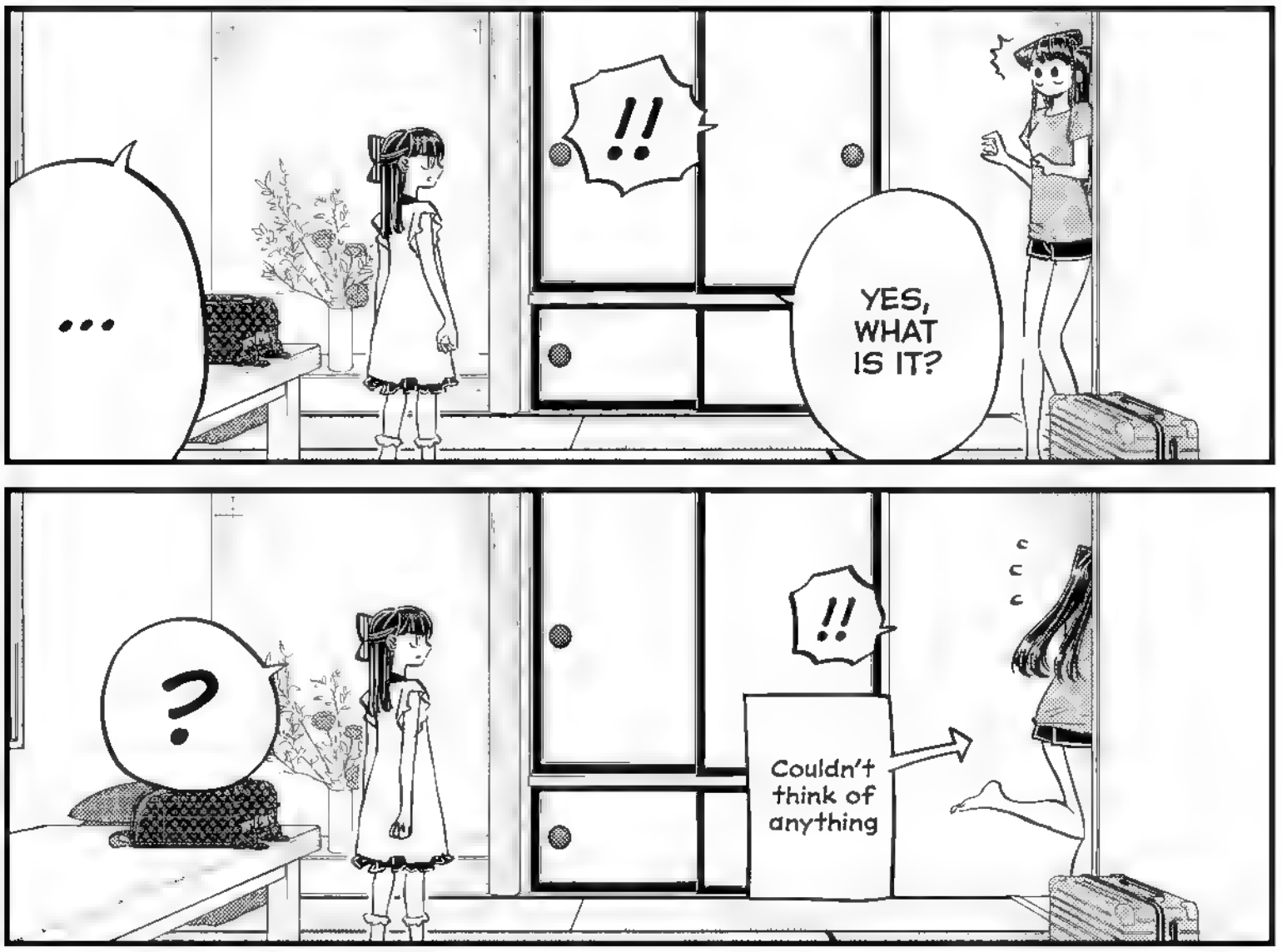
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!!
YES, WHAT IS IT?
?
!!
Couldn't think of anything

IT LOOKS VERY GOOD.

TIME FOR DINNER!

AND YOU CAN CALL ME "KOMI'S SISTER."

Tense because he feels like he now has two daughters

AND THIS IS MY HUSBAND. YOU CAN CALL HIM "KOMI'S DAD."

THANK YOU! YOU'RE SO KIND!

Whole family

?!

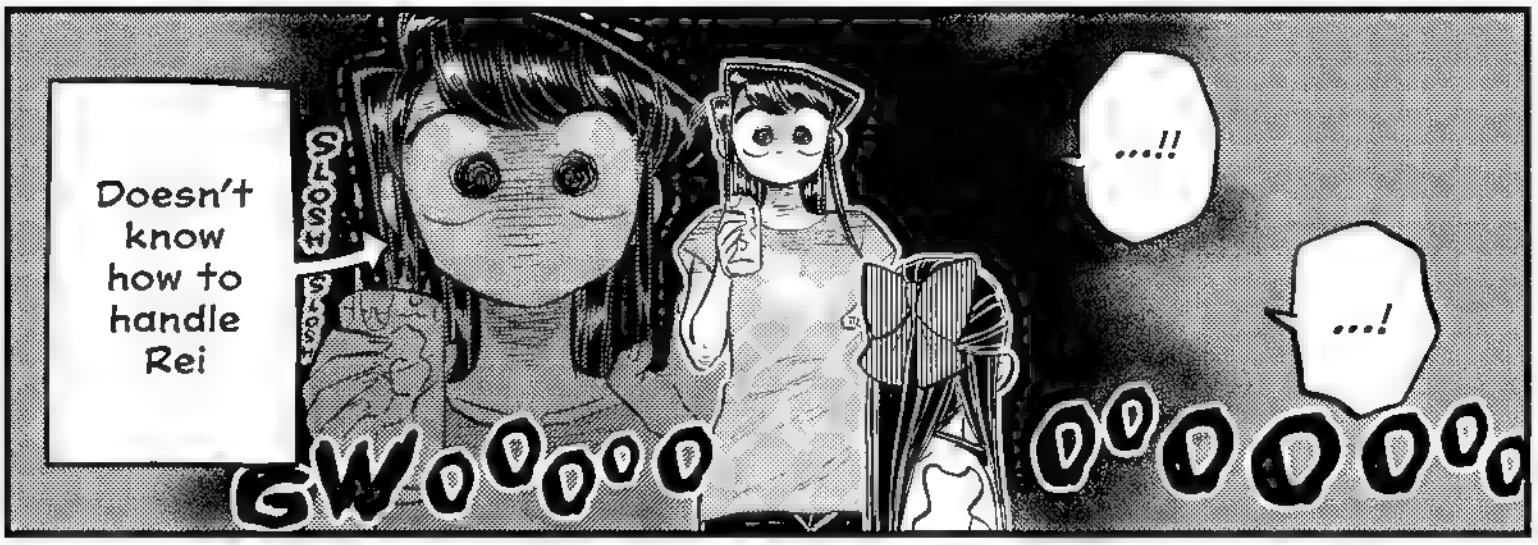
THE BOY BESIDE YOU IS SHOSUKE.

IT WAS VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.

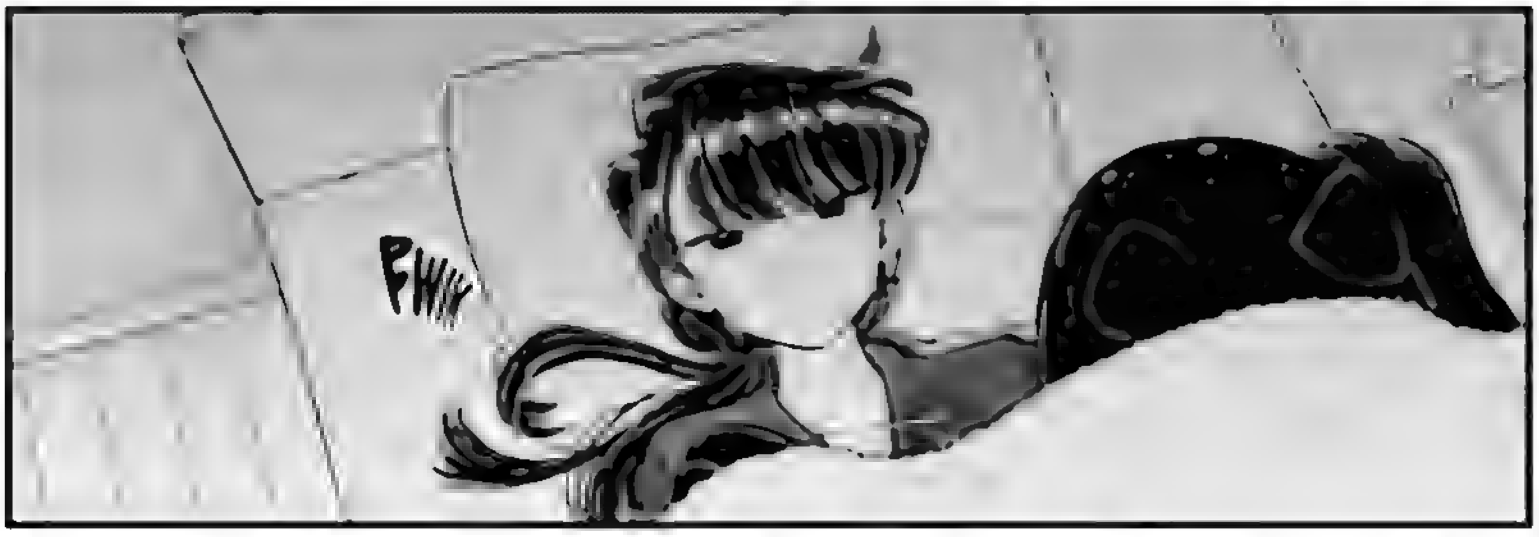
YOU'RE WEL-COME.
OH MY! THANK YOU FOR CLEARING YOUR DISH.

!
Show her where the towels are!
SHOKO, TAKE A BATH WITH HER!


Doesn't know how to handle Rei
SLOSH
...!!
...!
GWOOOOO OOOOOOO

!!!
Thinks Rei hates her
NO, THANK YOU. I CAN TAKE A BATH ALONE.
Just show me the towels.

YOU MUST BE TIRED, SO SLEEP IN TOMORROW IF YOU WANT.
OKAY, GOOD NIGHT.
I'M GOING TO BED NOW. GOOD NIGHT.
TICK
TOCK


PHEW

Headed to the bath-room
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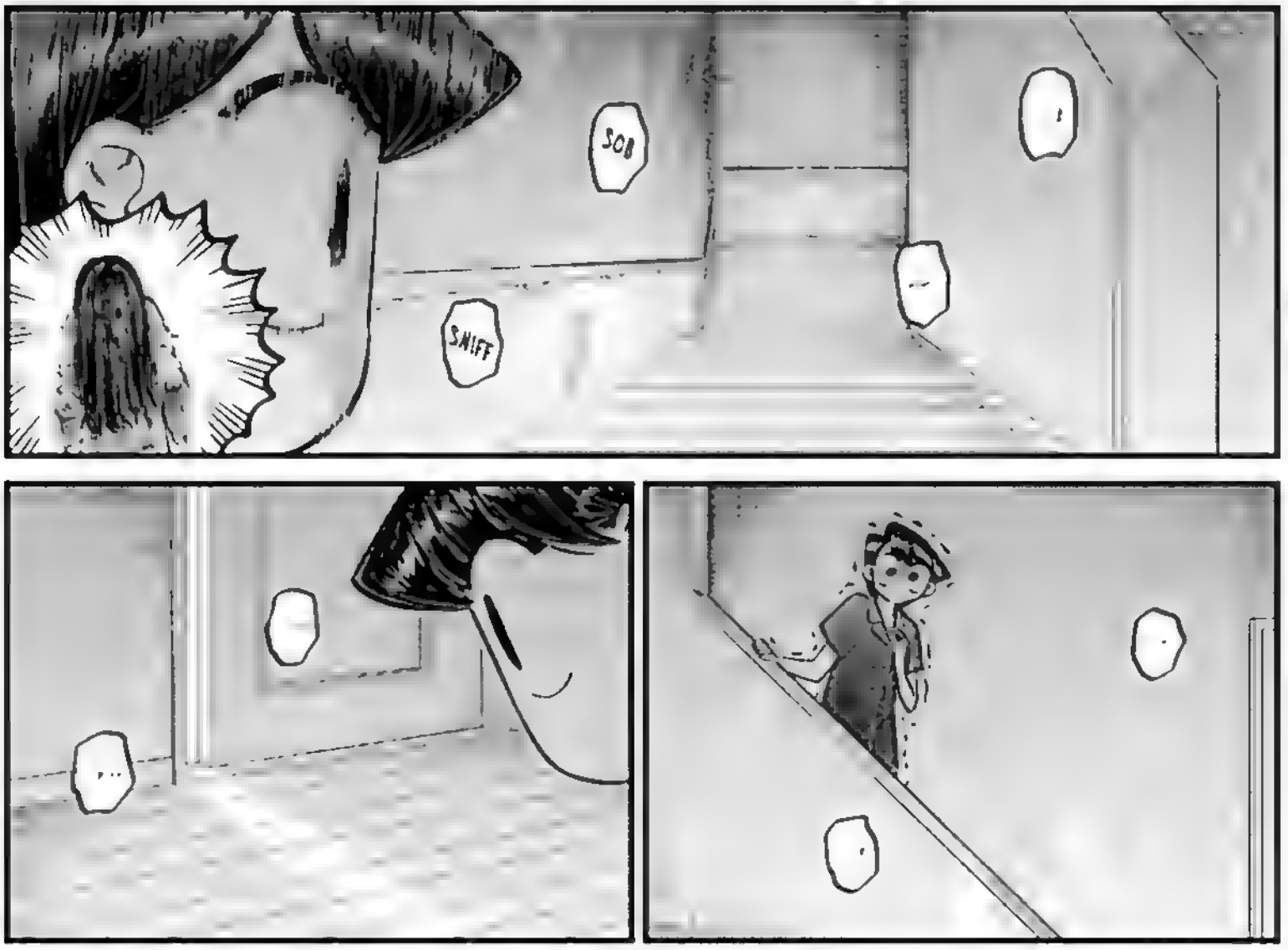
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SNIFF
...
SNIFF
MOMMY
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SNIFF
M...
OMMY
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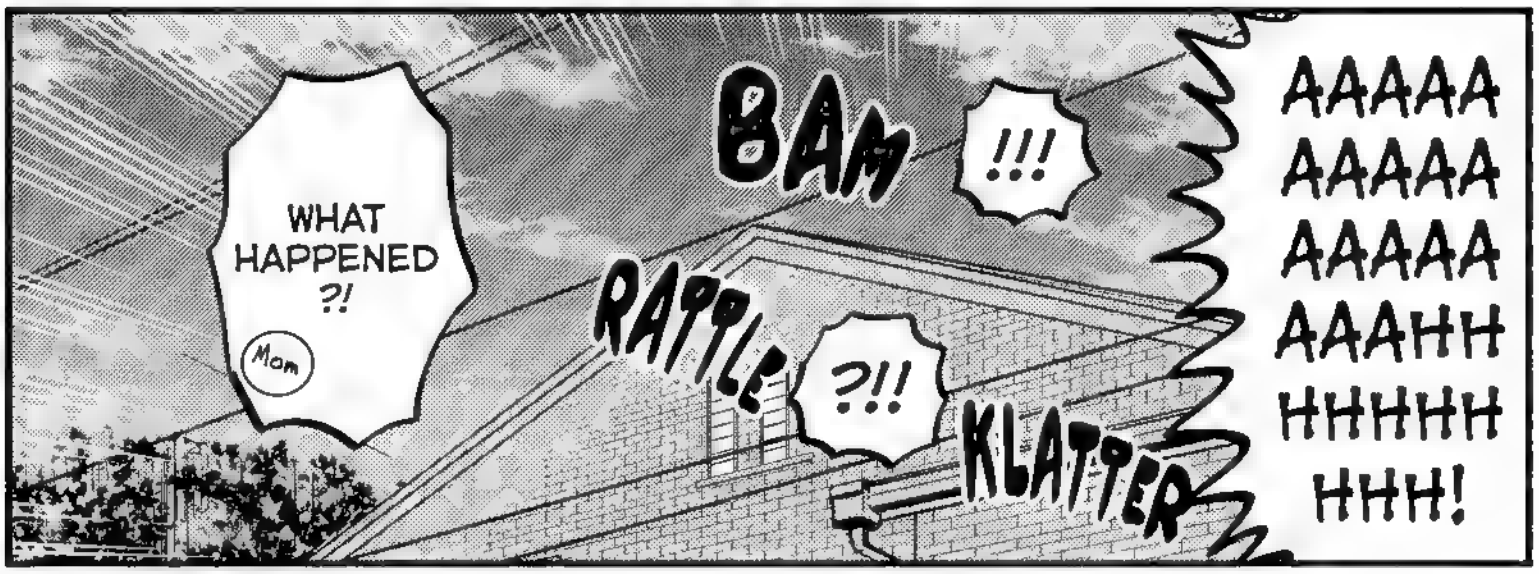
...
?!
?!
BONK


WHAT HAPPENED ?!
Mom
BAM
!!!
RATTLE
?!!
KLATTER
AAAAA AAAAA AAAAA AAAHH HHHHH HHH!

?!
SORRY! DID SHOKO FRIGHTEN YOU?
...
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!

SHE'S SO ADOR-ABLE ...
TRMMMMMBL
N-NO... I'M FINE.

CHAK
DID SHE HEAR ME CRYING?
JOLT
STUMBLE
THUMP
WHAM
RUSTLE RUSTLE

PEEK

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

!!

And the mugs are hot

Hands were full, so she couldn't knock or open the door

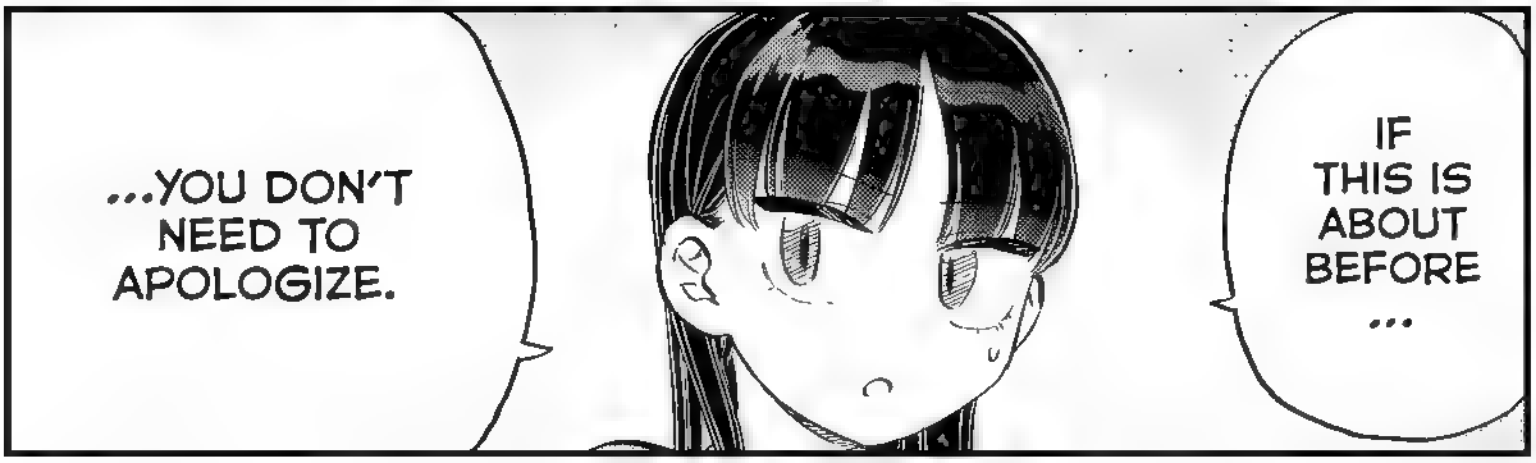
SWUP

...MILK?

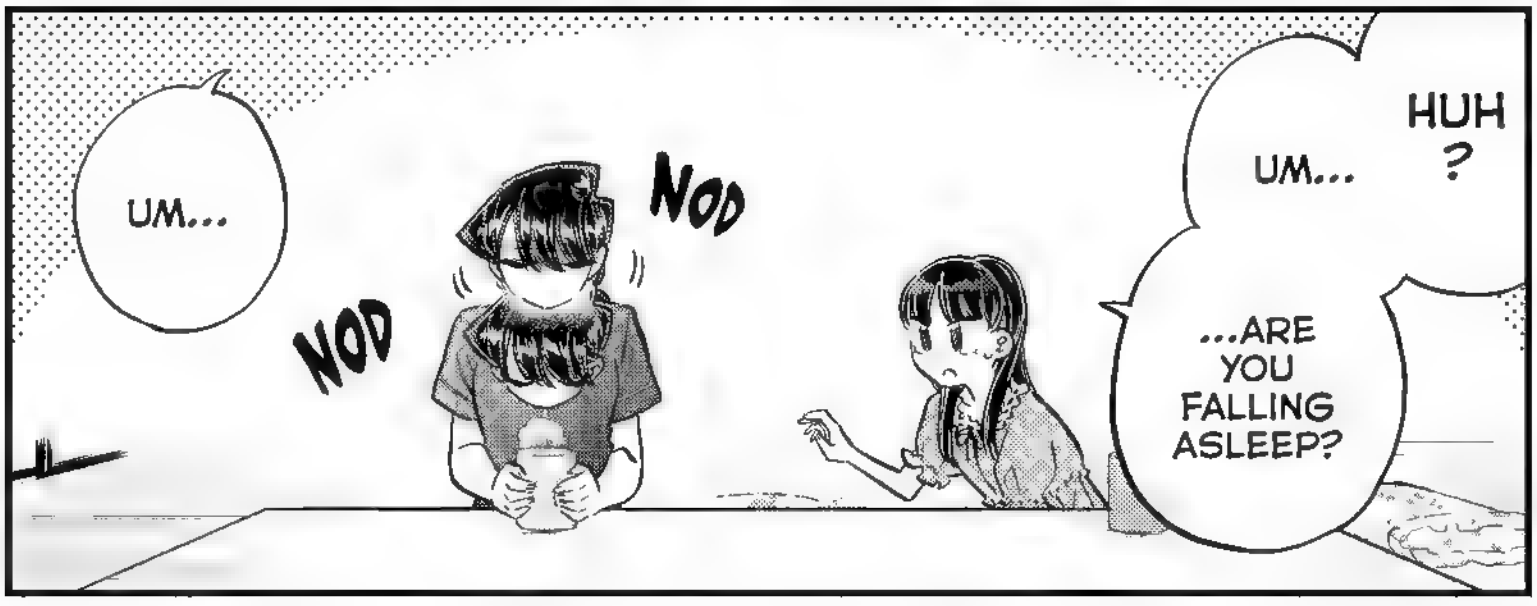
HOT...

THANK YOU.
...
1
DO YOU NEED SOME-THING?
!!
...
2
WHAT IS IT?
?
...
...
3
...SIDE.
IN...
IN-SIDE?
4
...COME INSIDE?
MAY I...
...
5
YES, YOU MAY.
...
!
6

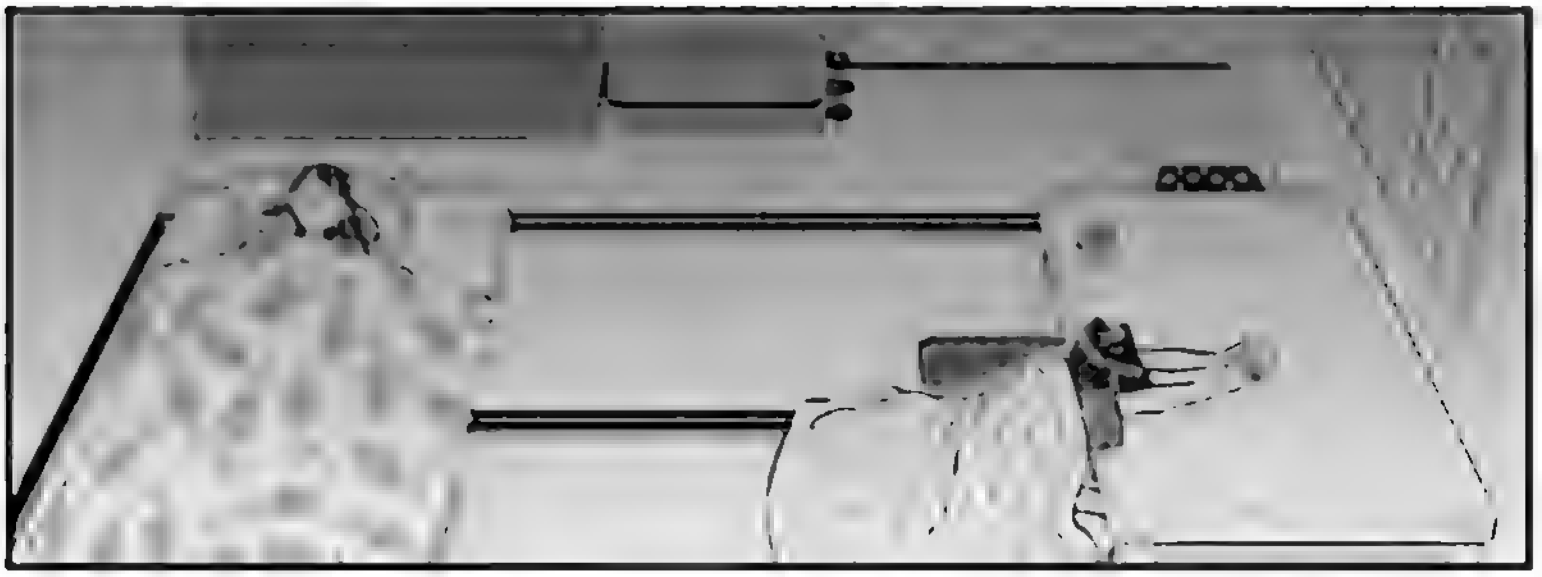
SIP


...YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.
IF THIS IS ABOUT BEFORE ...

?!
Time: 2 a.m.
NOD
NOD
NOD


UM...
NOD
NOD
UM...
HUH ?
...ARE YOU FALLING ASLEEP?

SHE'S WEIRD.
But really pretty.
fell asleep



WHAT A WEIRDO ...

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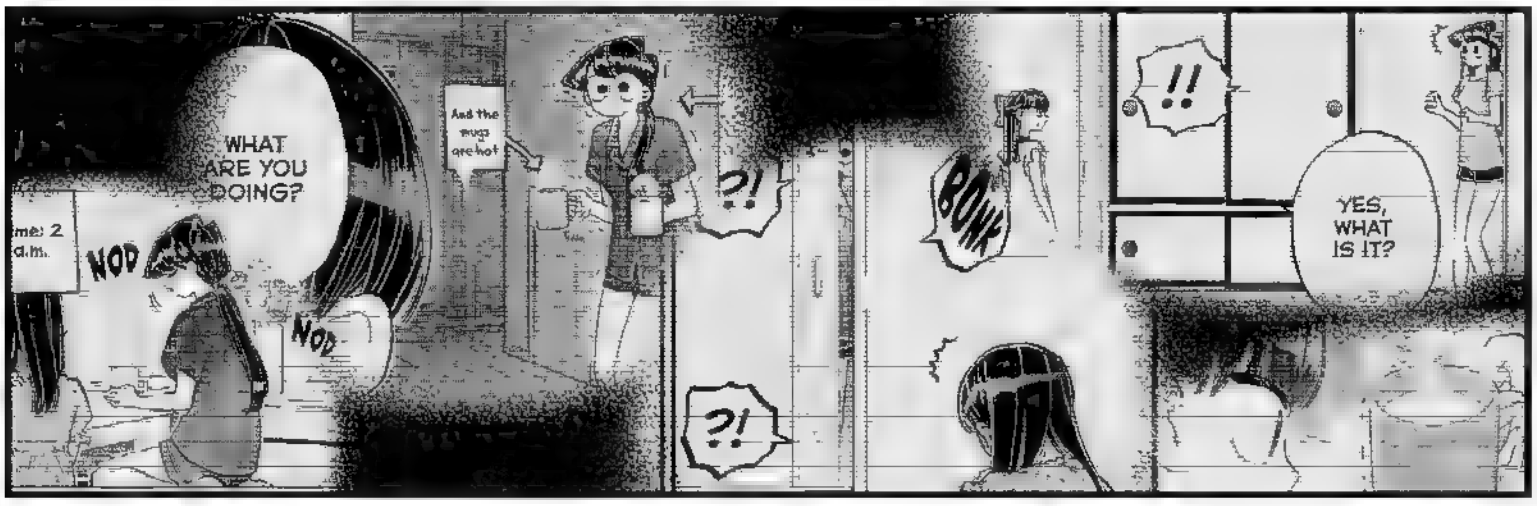
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NOD
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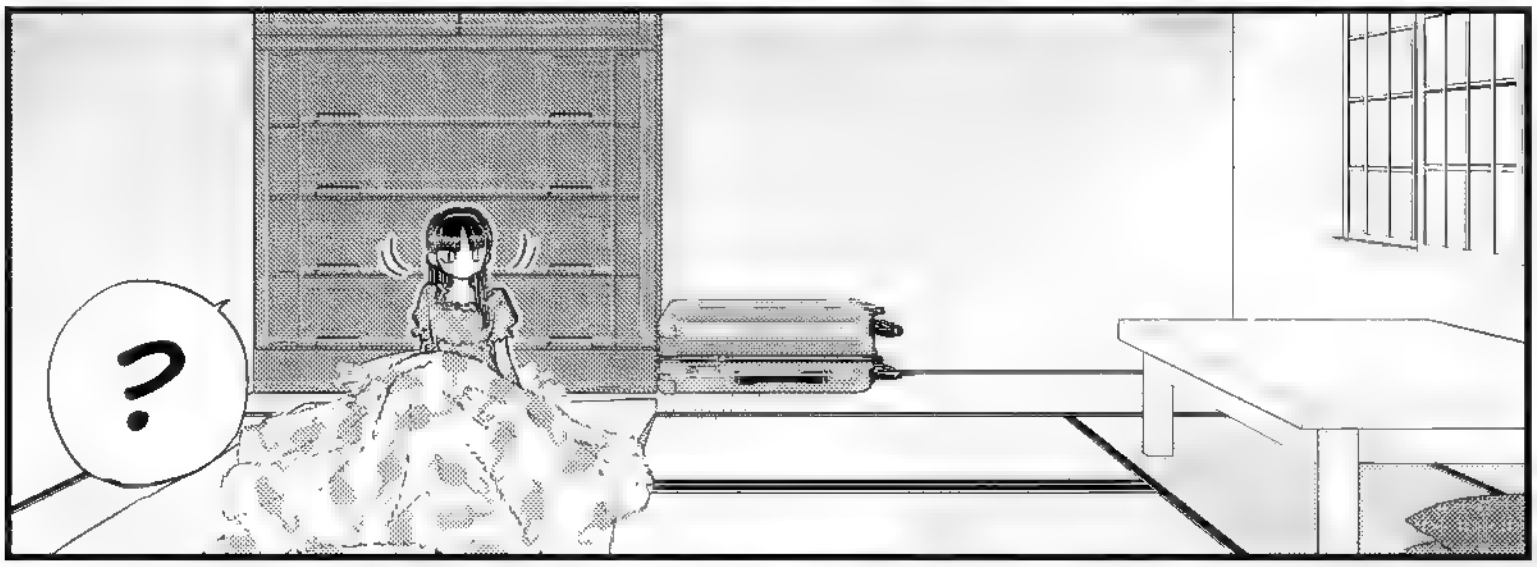
And the mugs are hot
?!
BONK
!!
YES, WHAT IS IT?
?!

FWIK
Day two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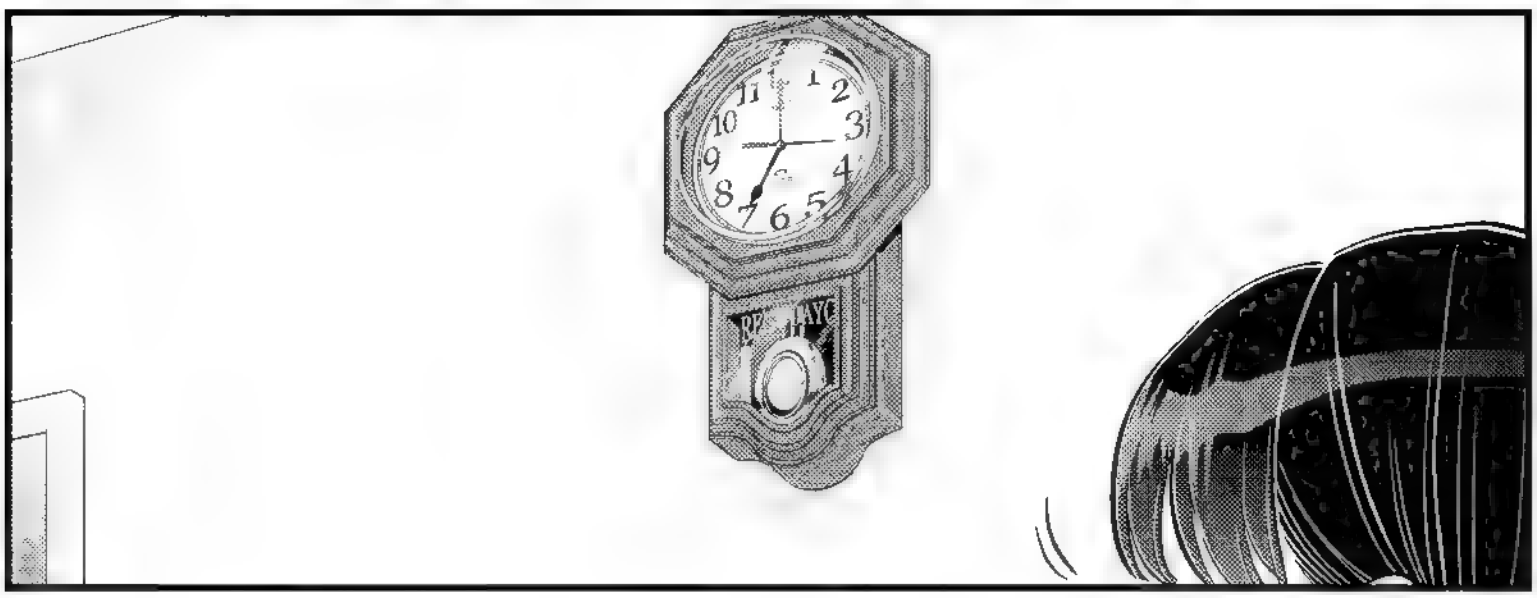


Communication 169: Playing with Dolls

ZODZOD

!

GOOD MORNING.

Wants to ask, "Did you sleep well?"

TRNBL

TRNBL

CHAK

STMP

!!

GLANCE

GAAACK

Embar-rassed about yester-day

FWIP

...

!
GAAACK
WE AREN'T. IT WAS A COINCI-DENCE.
YOU GOT UP TOGETHER? I'M GLAD YOU TWO ARE BECOMING FRIENDS!

?
GLANCE
...
LIKE FATHER LIKE DAUGHTER ...
GAAACK
FWIP

SHALL WE GO SHOPPING? OR PLAY IN THE PARK? OR GO TO THE POOL?

WHAT SHALL WE DO TODAY, REI?

After the meal

OH... REALLY?

I'LL JUST DO HOMEWORK IN MY ROOM.

PAT PAT

WELL, IF YOU THINK OF SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO DO, LET ME KNOW.

BOOOOOOOOW
I'M FINE.
BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND.
CHAK
KACHAK

Wants to be friends with Rei

MAYBE YOU COULD PLAY DOLLS WITH HER?

Imaginary Tadano

Because she's a girl.

!

Wondering what Tadano would do

LET'S PARTY!! OH YEEEAAAHHH! WOO-HOO!!

Imaginary Najimi

...

What about Najimi?

I'D BE HUMBLE, LIKE, "I'M BORED. WILL YOU PLAY WITH ME?"

Imaginary Onemine

!

And Onemine ?

SHAKE SHAKE

?!

PUSH HER DOWN AND LICK HER ALL OVER!

LICK LICK LICK LICK

LICK LICK LICK LICK

LICK LICK LICK LICK

LICK LICK LICK LICK

LICK LICK LICK LICK

LICK LICK LICK LIC

LICK LICK LICK LI

Imaginary Yamai

HUFF!

HUFF

HUFF

Yama-

NOK NOK

...

?

?

YES?

DADUH

?!

Took advice from (imaginary) Najimi

Took advice from (imaginary) Tadano

KA-BOOM

???

?

UMF UMF

HUH?

WHAT?

WHISPER

UM...

HUH?! WHAT THE-?! Y-YOU'RE SCARING ME!!

HUFF

...WILL YOU PLAY WITH ME?

Took advice from (imaginary) Yamai

HUFF

Took advice from (imaginary) Onemine

I'M BORED, SO... UM...

GLOMMP

Stop scaring her!

DID YOU REALLY WANT TO PLAY?

!

NOD NOD

...

...

Get along, okay?

GAACK

...!!

FWIP

WELL, I DON'T WANT TO.

!

GAAACK
GAAACK

...?

SKRK
SKRK
SKRK

What's your bear's name?

...!

...

...

!
ELIZABETH.
SHE WAS BORN TO THE ROYAL ALEXANDRINE FAMILY AND THE NOBLE CHRISTIANE FAMILY. SHE'S 14 YEARS OLD AND SHE'S FIFTH IN LINE FOR THE THRONE. SHE'S HIGH-HANDED AND NAIVE AND SELFISH AND CARELESS, BUT SOMETIMES SHE SURPRISES EVERYONE BY SAYING SOMETHING INSIGHTFUL.
?!
ELIZABETH ALEXANDRINE GEORGINE JEANNE CATHERINE CHRISTIANE.
...
...
??!
?!
TELL US YOUR NAME!
POINK
GRR! YOU'RE BEING RUDE!

...

SKRK SKRK SKRK

!

!

?!?! ?!?? ?!?

CAN'T THE PEOPLE HERE TALK?!

POINNNNNK

COME ON! DON'T MAKE THE PRINCESS WAIT!!

THE BIG ONE IS TOMO.

THAT'S JIN.

...

THIS IS NOIR.

THAT'S ALL.

BLACK BEAN.

THE ROUND ONE IS CAFÉ AU LAIT.

Started the conversation herself but then got embar-rassed

BLUSHHH

HMMM?

?!

Drama begins ...

BLACK BEAN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MERE COMMONER! BUT YOU'RE THE PRINCE OF AN ENEMY NATION!!

?!

WELL, SAY SOME-THING !!

GRAH

I ONLY JUST FOUND OUT.

...!

S... SORRY.

?!

?!

LIKED KOMI'S BOY VOICE

OH...

...WOW!

Events transpire...

?!

HIS NAME WAS TOMO.

...A CHILD WAS BORN TO THE COUPLE DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF THEIR NATIONS.

THREE YEARS LATER ...

OH DEAR! WHOSE LONG HAIR IS THIS?! HAVE YOU BEEN UNFAITH-FUL?!

?!

?!

YOU'RE USELESS! AND IT ENCOURAGES THE SERVANTS TO BE SLOVENLY!

S... SORRY.

LOOK HOW DUSTY THIS SHELF IS! WHEN I BECAME QUEEN, YOU SAID YOU'D BE MY HOUSE-HUSBAND!

HEY, YOU TWO...

...IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DINNER.

GASP

UM, IT'S DINNERTIME, SO...

FW IP

?!

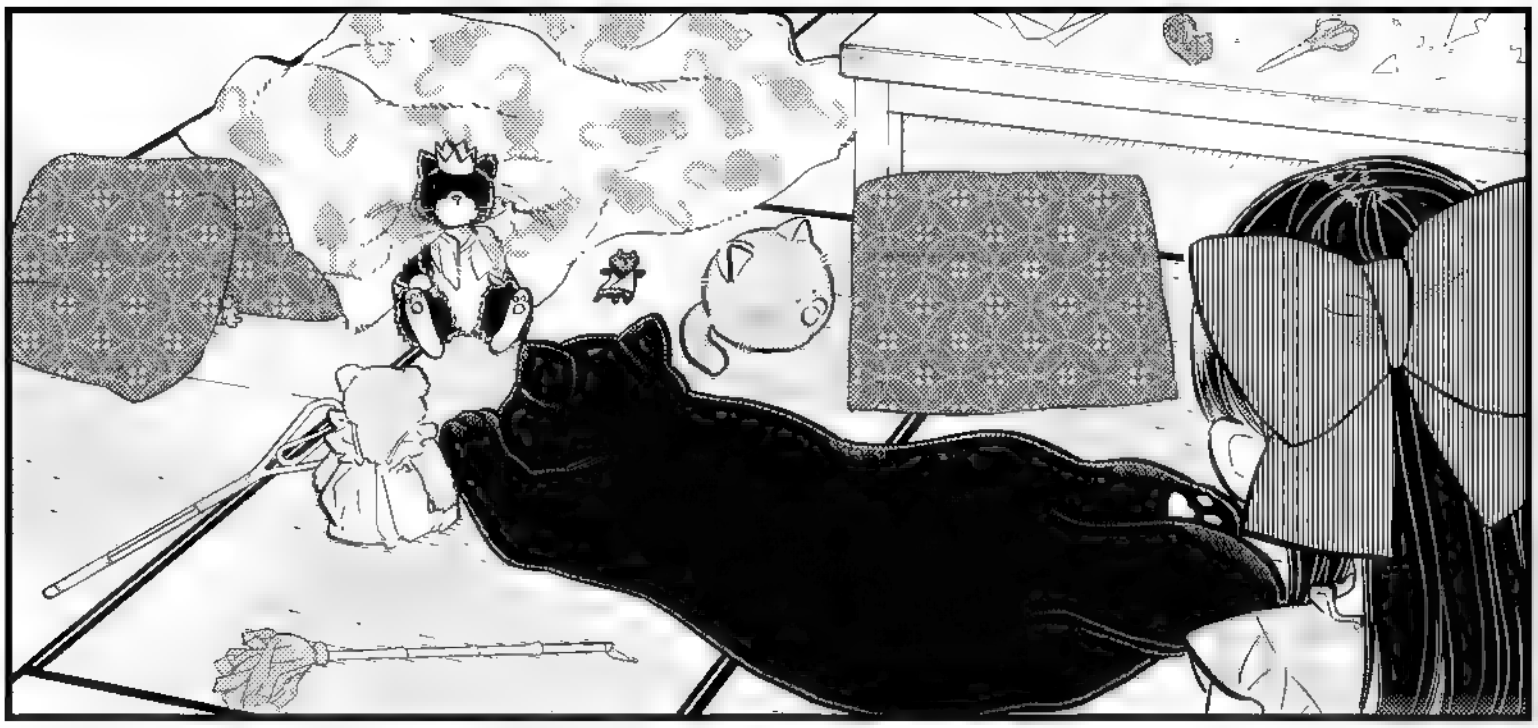
OKAY.

GAAACK

!!

WE DON'T GET ALONG WELL, SO NO THANK YOU.

YOU TWO ARE GETTING ALONG SO WELL! WANNA TAKE YOUR BATH TOGETHER TONIGHT?



...AND TOMO.
... BLACK BEAN...
...JIN ...
...CAFÉ AU LAIT...
NOIR...
WHAT A WEIRD GIRL.

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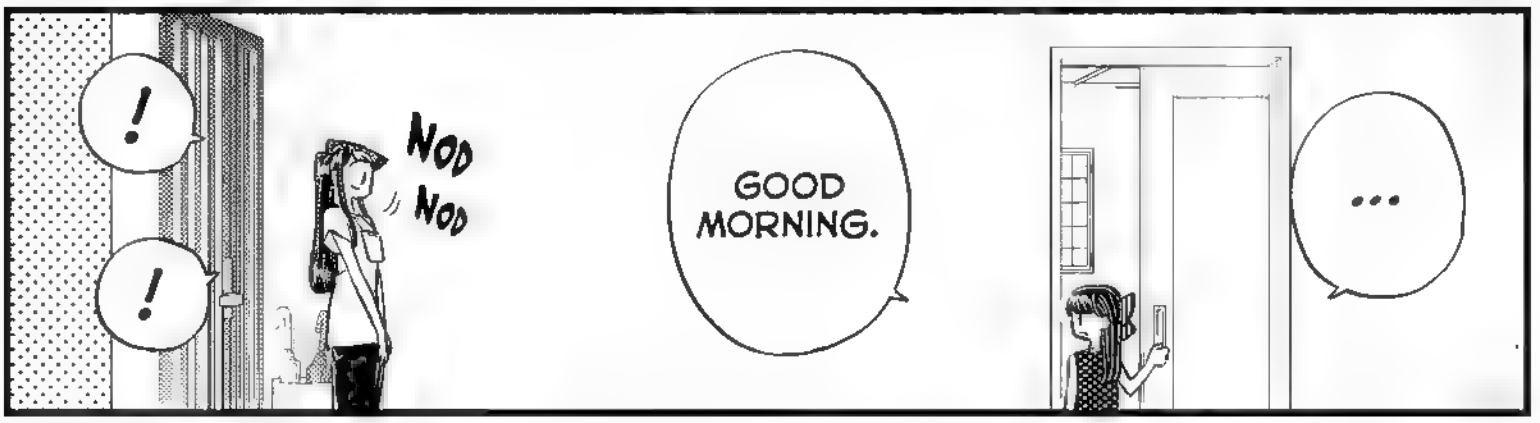
Day three
CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR
CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR

CHAK
!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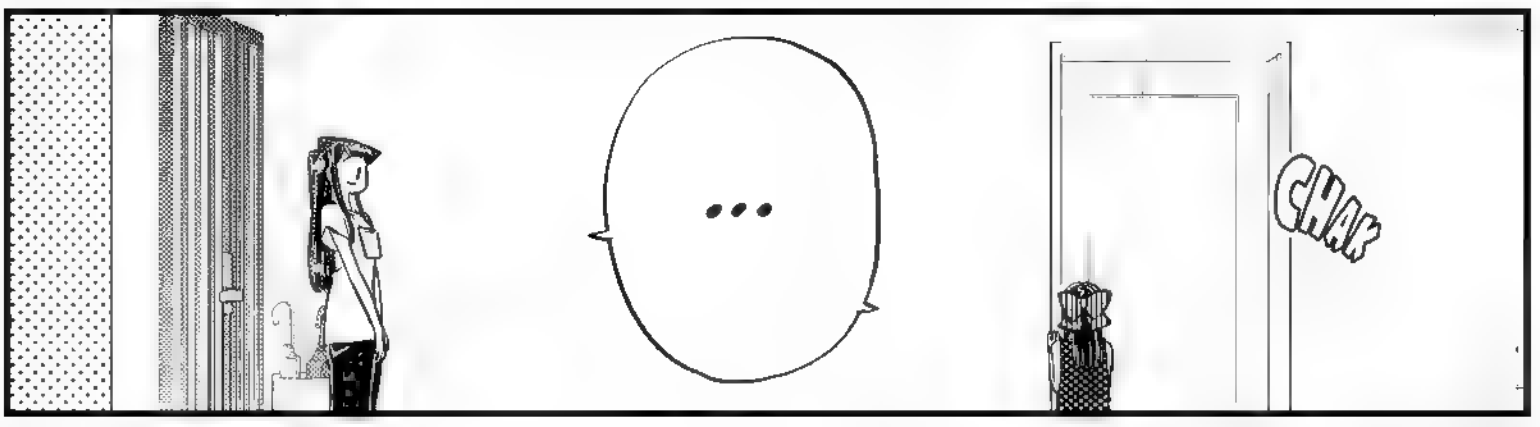
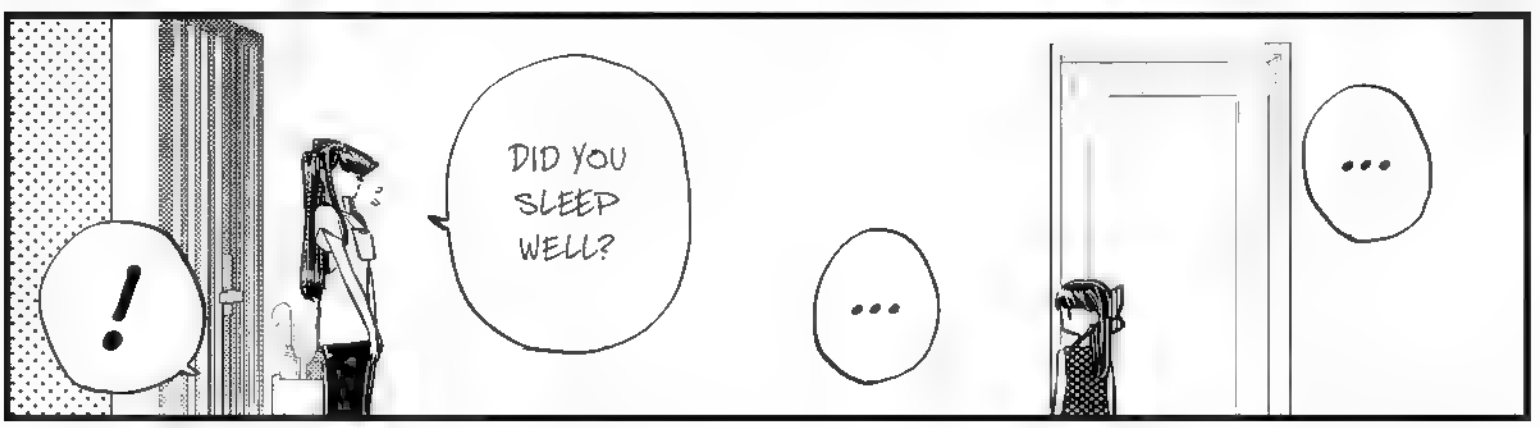
!
NOD NOD
GOOD MORNING.
...


...
CHAK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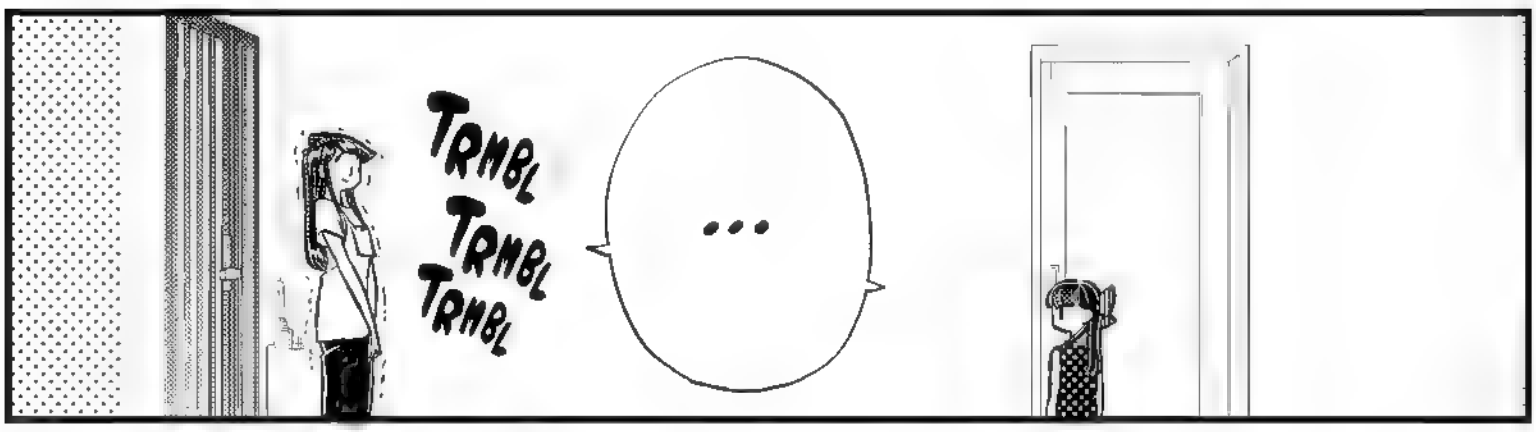
DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
...
...



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THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.

YOU'RE WELCOME. DO YOU PREFER RICE OR BREAD FOR BREAK-FAST?

BREAD.

BUMP FUMP FUMP TATUMP BUMP BANG

!

What kind of bread?

Rolls.

?!

KABOOM

Ka-booom !!!

?!

Doesn't think the doorbell rang

?!

Confu-sion

Oh! Hello, Najimi!

Hiya, Komi! Long time, no see! Uh, sorry I couldn't go to the beach the other day! But the summer is long!! What should we do today?!

?!?! ?!? K

Pardon the intrusion!

S-SORRY... NAJIMI WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU.

!!! !!

Random T-shirt

Random shorts (day two)

Hair coming loose

KOMI'S IN HER LOUNGING AROUND THE HOUSE CLOTHES !!

UM... SORRY ABOUT THIS.

!!! !!! !!!! !! !!!! !!

HM?

?!

UH-HUH!

YOU HAD ANOTHER BABY?

GASP

CRACK

IT'S REI NATSUKIDO.

WHAT'S *HER* NAME?

POINK

NO, THEY DON'T.

NAJIMI ...

DO YOUR FRIENDS CALL YOU *NACCHI* ?!

Whaaat ?!

I DON'T PLAY. I DO HOME-WORK.

Yahoo! Whaddaya wanna play, Nacchi?!

?!

Up you go!!

UMPH

D-DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!

UMPH

P-PUT ME DOWN!

UMPH

S-STOP IT!!

UMPH

WHAT'RE YOU...

NO, DON'T ...

?!

Starting to have fun

DADADUM

HEY!

HUFF
HUFF
...
WHEW... THAT WAS FUN, RIGHT?
Whaaat ?!
FLIP
IT WASN'T FUN.
TICKLE TICKLE TICKLE TICKLE TICKLE TICKLE TICKLE TICKLE
!!!!
!!!!
!!!
But you were smiling!!! Admit it!!!
Are too!!
TEE
I AM NOT LAUGHING!
I...
I'M NOT...
HEE

A little happy

?!
Komi's closet

...
HUFF... THAT...HUFF... WAS FUN, RIGHT?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF HUFF... CAUGHT YOU!
HUFF
HUFF
NO... NOT... AT ALL!
SHE SURE IS SMILING, THOUGH!
T
OH... LOOK AT THE TIME.
11:03
LINE MESSAGES: 20,000
!
TWITCH
SNEEEAK
LET'S GO TO WCDONALD'S!
ALL THAT ACTIVITY MADE ME HUNGRY!

!!

JAJOLT

THE HAPPINESS BOXES HAVE *SOKÉMON* TOYS!

...

JAJOLT

SOKÉMON.

TWITCH

WCDON-ALD'S.

...

YOU'RE PAYING FOR US TOO? SORRY.

OOH, AWE-SOME!

HERE'S MONEY FOR EVERYONE'S LUNCH.

WcDonald's

Four Happiness Boxes, please!

No... it was an emer-gency.

Seriously? Naruse did that?

Did you get a pic?

POK

LET'S OPEN THEM ALL AT ONCE!

Sokéchu

Soké-tary

Sokédane

Sokékame

Now show your toy!

THERE'S A SOKÉ-TARY?

TADANO!! YOU GOT SOKÉCHU?! TRADE ME FOR SOKÉ-TARY!!

Sounds violent!!

The scene in the movie when her clone punches her always makes me cry.

YUJI OTAKU

CHUSHAKU KOMETANI

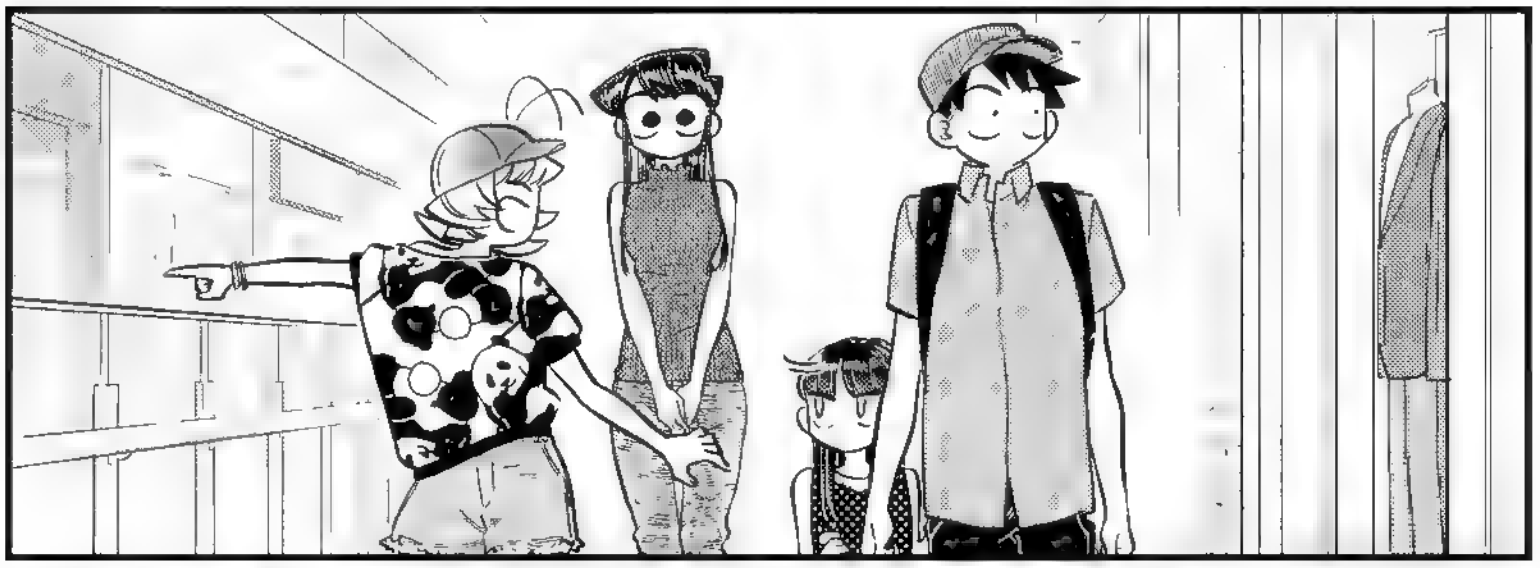
She's a Flame type, so her weakness is conversations that dampen spirits. Her career advances from Junior High to secretary to cabin attendant.

*Soké-tary is an office worker who appears in the *Sokémon* anime.

STAARE
!!
WANT TO TRADE?

FWP
NO, THANK YOU.
SO... WE REALLY *COULD* TRADE.
TOO BAD. I LIKE SOKÉKAME BETTER.

...
...OKAY, FINE.
UM...



Worried they get along better with Rei than she does
?!
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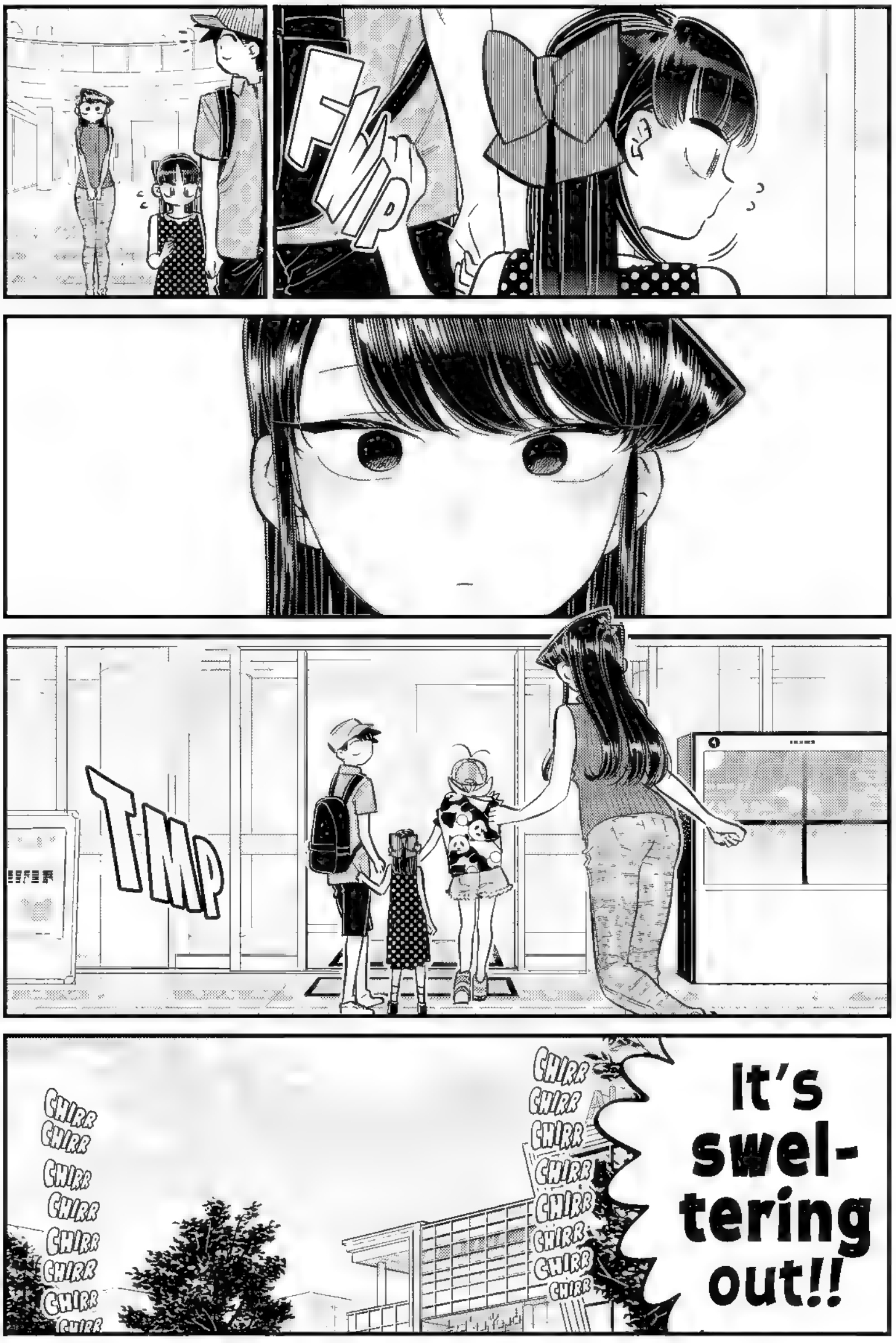
GAAACK
GAAACK
...
GLANCE
GLANCE
!
PWAH


Flip
Tmp
CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR CHIRR
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It's swel-tering out!!

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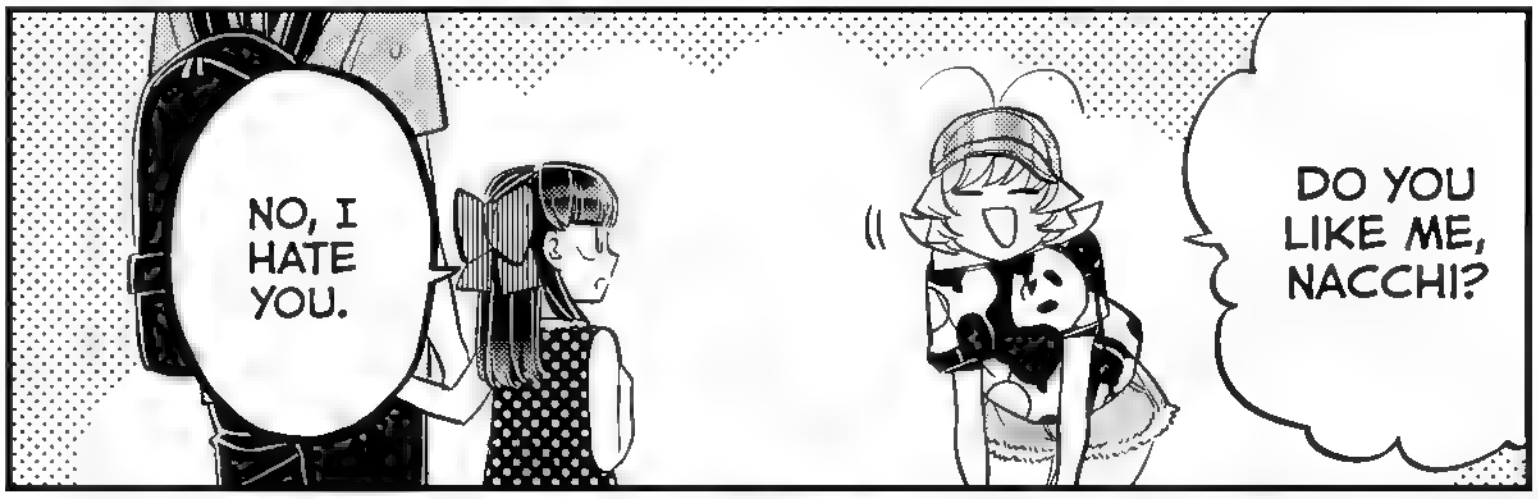

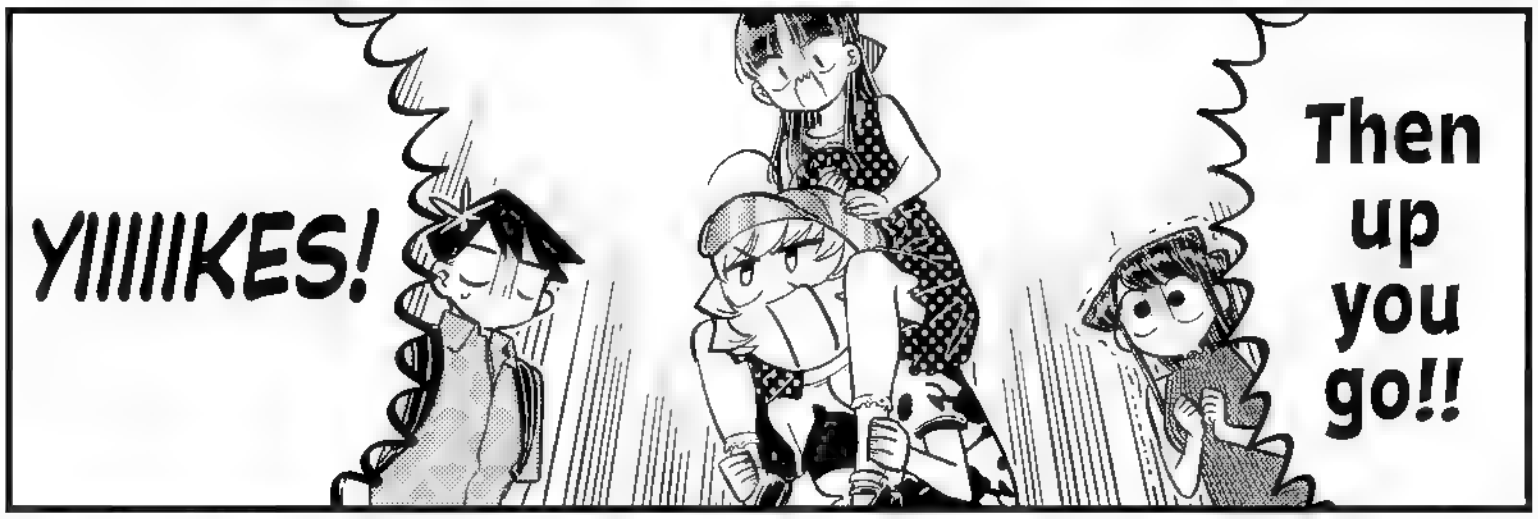

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Komi Can't Communicate Bonus

"Najimi Rejoices After Exams" Theater

Hole up? On vacation?
I'M HOLING UP ON VACATION! ALONE IF I HAVE TO!!!
I CAN'T STAY HERE WHERE A TEST MIGHT STRIKE AT ANY MOMENT!
First Period:
Hiding in My Room from a Psycho Killer
SNAP SNAP
Second Period:
Crayfish Who Just Escaped the Aquarium
THANK GOD!
THIS RAMUNE IS FREEZING COLD!
FREE OF HARD LABOR UNDER-GROUND (TESTS)!
FINALLY, I'M FREE!
Third Period:
Gambling Apoca-lypse
What took so long?!
...YAHOO! YAY! WOOHOO! HURRAH!!!
I'LL TELL YOU!
UM... ....
...HAVE IN COMMON?
WHAT DO COMPLETING EXAMS AND SUMMER VACATION ...
Fourth Period:
Riddles

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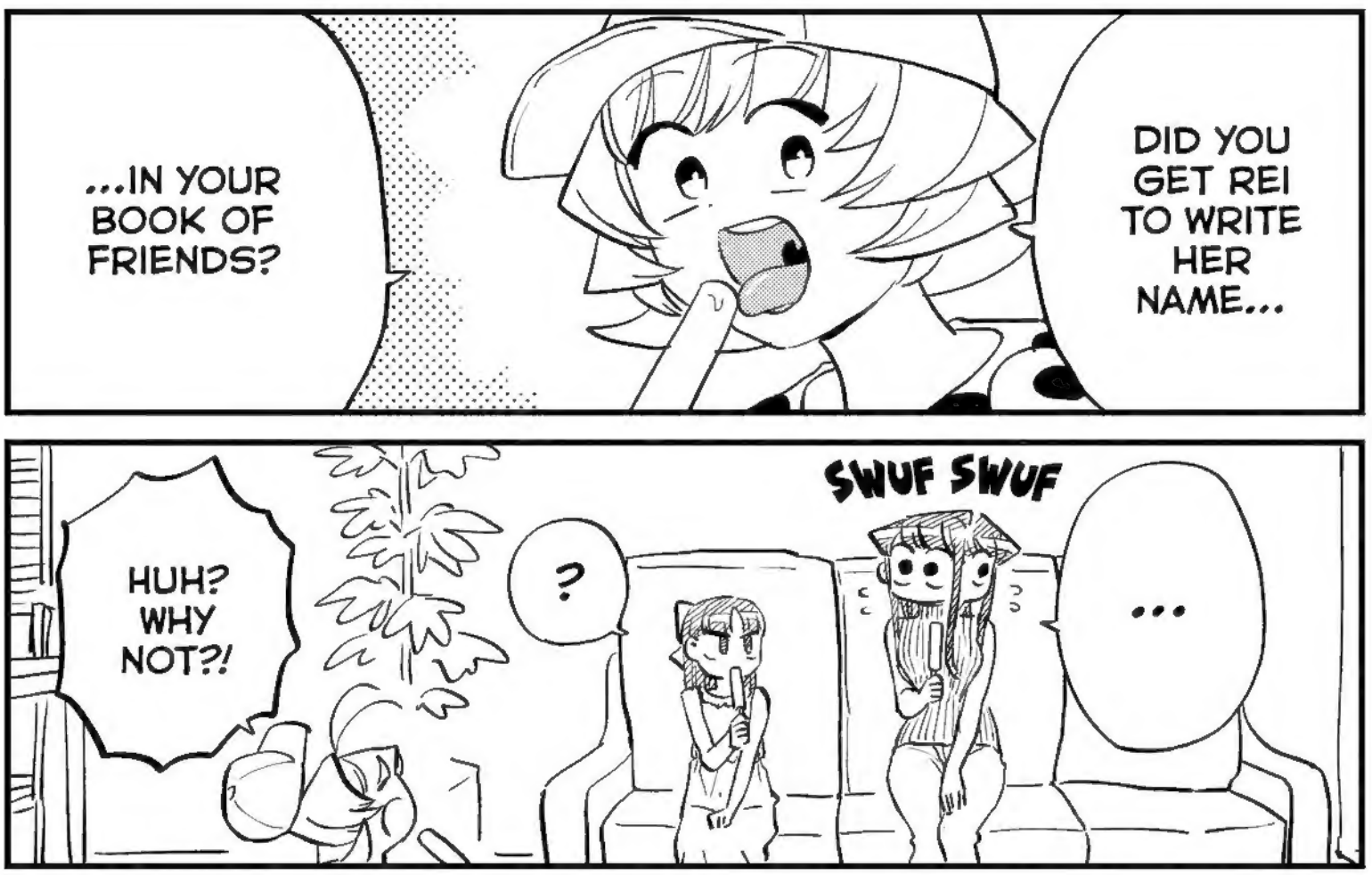
Can Komi Make a Hundred Friends? Frozen Young Soul



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